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GM IPO price increase is good news for taxpayers

By TOM KRISHER,
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — Fueled by strong investor demand, General Motors is setting a higher share price for Thursday's initial public stock offering. The increase boosts the automaker's market value to \$50 billion and moves its largest owner, the U.S. government, closer to recouping all the money it spent saving GM from ruin. But even with the increase, GM's value is still short of what the government needs to recoup the whole bailout.

During the past two weeks, investor interest in GM has risen as the company's executives flew across the globe making sales pitches to big investors. The company has made profits for three straight quarters and thinks earnings could increase even more if the U.S. auto market rebounds from a 30-year low last year. Demand for GM stock is so heavy that one person briefed on the IPO said orders are seven times the number of common shares that are up for sale.

GM announced Tuesday that it would raise the price range for common stock being sold this week to \$32 to \$33 per share, up from the range revealed two weeks ago, \$26 to \$29.

At \$33 apiece, the total value of the 1.5 billion outstanding GM shares would be nearly \$50 billion, up \$6 billion in the last two weeks.

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Alleged Russian arms trafficker Viktor Bout, right, escorted by Thai police commando, arrives at Don muang airport in Bangkok on Tuesday Nov. 16, 2010. Thailand extradited accused Bout to the U.S. on Tuesday to face terrorism charges, siding with Washington in a tug of war with Moscow over whether to send him to stand trial or let him go home.

Thailand extradites alleged arms dealer Bout to U.S.

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Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand extradited accused Russian arms trafficker Viktor Bout to the U.S. on Tuesday to face terrorism charges, siding with Washington in a tug of war with Moscow over whether to send him to stand trial or let him go home.

The Cabinet approved Bout's extradition Tuesday after a long legal battle, and police said the 43-year-old was put aboard a plane that departed Bangkok at about 1:30 p.m. (1:30 a.m. EST) in the custody of eight U.S. officials.

In New York, a law enforcement said Bout was expected to arrive there around 9 p.m. EST Tuesday. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of security concerns, declined to name the airport. Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva said his Cabinet had approved extradition after acknowledging an earlier appeals court decision that Bout could be legally extradited. Bout, a former Soviet air force officer who is reputed to have been one of the world's most prolific arms dealers, was arrested at a Bangkok luxury hotel in March 2008 as part of a sting operation led by U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents. Bout has allegedly supplied weapons that fueled civil wars in South America, the Middle East and Africa, with clients including Liberia's Charles Taylor and Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi and both sides in Angola's civil war. He has been referred to as "The Merchant of Death," and was an inspiration for the arms dealer played by Nicolas Cage in the 2005 film "Lord of War."

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Associated Press

Ohio State closes library, 3 labs in bomb scare

By JULIE CARR SMYTH,
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A bomb threat targeting Ohio State University was e-mailed to the FBI Tuesday morning, prompting the school to evacuate four academic buildings, including the main library. An initial search turned up nothing out of the ordinary, officials said.

The threat was in a message received Tuesday at FBI headquarters in Washington, said Paul Bresson, an agency spokesman based there. Campus police said they were alerted at 8:19 a.m. Tuesday that the threats involved the William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library and three laboratory buildings.

"This is still in our assessment a threat, and there have been no suspicious package or devices found at this time," university Police Chief Paul Denton said at a news conference.

Authorities did not identify the source of the bomb threats at

Ohio State, one of the nation's largest universities, with more than 56,000 students at its main Columbus campus. The FBI's Bresson declined to provide information about where the e-mail appeared to come from or whether the bureau believed the threat was real. University officials did not offer information on the nature of the threats and declined to speculate on why the four buildings were targeted. All were evacuated and closed as investigators went through them with bomb-sniffing dogs, and authorities also closed off three streets. "It's a little worrisome. Maybe there won't be a warning next time," said Todd Elder, 21, a psychology major from Columbus.

Staff members outside one of the labs had thought they were being evacuated for a routine fire drill. Many left purses, coats and car keys in their offices and were stuck waiting for hours in the cold rain.

Art history professor E. Okechukwu Odita was stranded because his car was parked behind police tape.

"I appreciate what they are doing. We don't want the whole place to blow up," Odita said, as he waited on a bench near the labs.

Some students standing outside the labs joked that the threat may have been called in by someone who just wanted to miss an exam.

Students and faculty members were warned by text-message alerts and online and phone messages to stay clear of the buildings until 5 p.m. The buildings would remain closed at least until that time, with their regular classes and other activities canceled, said Vernon Baisden, the university's director public safety. Baisden could not specify how many students were affected by the evacuations.

All other classes and functions on campus will continue as



Ohio State students walk past the main library while it is closed because of a bomb threat at Ohio State University Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, in Columbus, Ohio. A bomb threat targeting Ohio State University was e-mailed to the FBI Tuesday morning, prompting the school to evacuate four academic buildings, including the main library.

(AP Photo/Jay LaPrete)

scheduled, Baisden said. The Columbus Fire Department bomb squad, school security and FBI were at the scene. Besides the library, which is along the campus green area called The Oval, buildings closed were McPherson Chemical Lab, which houses the chemistry and astronomy departments; Smith

Laboratory, which houses engineering experiments and anthropology; and Scott Laboratory, a mechanical engineering building. The bomb threats marked the second time in a less than a week that a criminal investigation disrupted activities at an Ohio college campus. □

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Obama awards Medal of Honor to Iowa staff sergeant

WASHINGTON — An Army staff sergeant who stepped into the line of fire to help a pair of comrades on the Afghan battlefield received the Medal of Honor on Tuesday — the nation's top military award. President Barack Obama awarded the medal to Salvatore Giunta at a White House ceremony, making the 25-year-old Iowan the first living service member

from the Iraq or Afghanistan wars to be so honored. Seven others have received the award posthumously. Obama called Giunta a soldier who is "as humble as he is heroic" and said the ceremony was a "joyous occasion."

The Army says Giunta was a rifle team leader in eastern Afghanistan's Korengal Valley when his squad was split in two after an ambush

President Barack Obama presents the Medal of Honor to Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

by insurgents. While under fire, Giunta pulled a fellow soldier to cover and rescued another who was being dragged away by the enemy. □



Walmart drug plan for seniors may not be best deal

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR,
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumer alert: A new Medicare drug plan with the lowest upfront cost in the country may not be for everyone, experts say.

Medicare's open enrollment season just started, and the plan from insurer Humana and retail giant Walmart is getting attention. At \$14.80, the monthly premium is the lowest of any national plan, about half the average. And Humana and Walmart are advertising savings of more than \$450 a year for the typical Medicare recipient. But experts say if you can't get to a Walmart easily and need costly, cutting-edge medications, it could be a disappointment. You could face copayments as high as 50 percent for drugs purchased at local independent drugstores, "non-preferred" pharmacies as far as the plan goes.

"It may well be a good bargain, but people have to do the research," said Jack Hoadley, a research professor at the Georgetown Health Policy Institute. "It's not just the premiums. It's the premiums plus the drugs they take, and then they have to take into account the pharmacy: Is it practical for them to use the Walmart pharmacy?"

Plan members can choose to fill their prescriptions at more than 60,000 pharmacies nationwide, but only about 4,000 — Walmart, Sam's Club or Neighborhood Market stores — are "preferred," and offer the lowest copayments.

Hoadley, who in an earlier government career helped lay the groundwork for the Medicare drug benefit, said he believes regulators should take a second look at the network. Residents of metro areas, for example, may have to drive

miles to find a preferred drugstore. Consumer advocates say that's unusual.

Representing both companies, Humana spokesman Tom Noland said Medicare officials undertook a "rigorous review" of the plan before approving it and concluded it met or exceeded the government's consumer protection standards.

"Overall, the Humana Walmart plan is an innovative solution in a competitive market," said Noland. "It is one of more than 1,000 Medicare (prescription) options available to eligible participants nationwide." Seniors can avoid higher copayments and trekking to the pharmacy by using the plan's mail-order service, he noted.

About 27 million seniors and disabled people are signed up for the Medicare prescription benefit, offered through private insurance companies. There may be more plan-switching than usual this year, because about 3 million recipients will see their current plan discontinued in 2011 under a reorganization. Government officials say all but 300,000 are being seamlessly switched to another plan offered by the same insurer. But many are facing higher premiums that could prompt them to shop around.

At the Medicare Rights Center, seniors are calling the consumer hotline with questions about the Walmart plan. "They are asking why it is so much cheaper," said Joe Baker, president of the New York-based advocacy group. "One reason is this limited pharmacy network, and that's one thing they should think carefully about." Seniors and family members using Medicare's online Plan Finder to see if the Humana Walmart plan is a good deal need to remember to enter their drugstore as well as their medications. □



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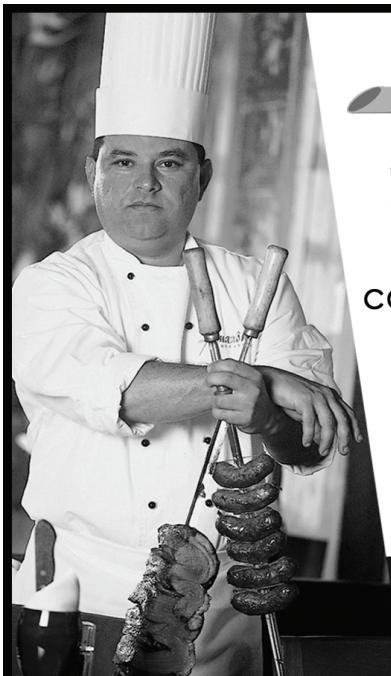
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US bishops elect NYC archbishop as leader in upset

By RACHEL ZOLL,
AP Religion Writer

BALTIMORE — New York Archbishop Timothy Dolan was elected Tuesday to be president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in an upset victory over an Arizona bishop with a moderate style who is the sitting vice president.

It is the first time since the 1960s that a sitting vice president was on the ballot for conference president and lost. The outcome is the latest sign that the American bishops — divided over how best to uphold Roman Catholic orthodoxy — favor a more aggressive approach.

Dolan received 54 percent of the vote to 46 percent for

Bishop Gerald Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., on the third round of balloting. Kicanas has served as vice president for the last three years. Dolan said he shook hands with Kicanas after the vote and thanked him for his service. At a news conference, Dolan said he was surprised by the vote and noted it was "hardly a landslide." Kicanas issued a short statement saying he respected the choice of his fellow bishops and praised Dolan for his "exceptional leadership qualities."

The vote came at the annual fall meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Chicago Cardinal Francis George finishes his three-year term as president

this week. The newly elected vice president is Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., who defeated Denver Archbishop Charles Chaput, 62 percent to 38 percent. Kurtz is a leader in the bishops' national campaign in support of traditional marriage.

"This is an indication that bishops are going to continue to be leaders in the culture wars," said the Rev. Thomas Reese, author of a book on the American bishops and senior fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University.

In Arizona, Kicanas had urged Catholic voters to ban gay marriage and joined anti-abortion rallies and events. However, he took a more



Bishop Salvatore Cordileone of Oakland, Calif. casts a vote for president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops during the conference's annual fall meeting Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010 in Baltimore. The conference elected Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York as its new president.

(AP Photo/Steve Ruark)

conciliatory approach in some of the controversies that have polarized Catholics in recent years.

He has not denied Communion to any Catholic politicians and rejected calls to punish the president of the University of Notre Dame for honoring President Barack Obama, who supports abortion rights. Kicanas instead urged bishops and Catholic university presidents to start a discussion about their differences.

Dolan also does not outright deny the sacrament to dissenting Catholic lawmakers, but he is seen as a stricter defender of church orthodoxy in a style favored by many theological conservatives. By contrast, Kicanas was pilloried in the days leading up to the vote by right-wing Catholic bloggers, who urged readers to send protest faxes and leave messages for bishops at the hotel where they are meeting. Robert George, a Princeton University scholar and an influential conservative Catholic voice, described Dolan as champion of Catholic orthodoxy with a record of working with people of other faiths — skills that will help build coalitions on social issues like marriage. Some bishops likely were worried the church has been too exposed to criticism by being outspoken in the public square, but the vote showed they are in the minority, he said. "It means the bishops have decided to opt for a confident Catholicism," George said. "They had a choice, and they chose the boldest, most outspoken bishop. You wouldn't choose him as your leader unless you thought what he was doing in the capital of the world (New York) is what we want the church to represent." □

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House ethics panel says Rep. Rangel violated rules

By LARRY MARGASAK,
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rep. Charles Rangel, once one of the most influential House members, was convicted Tuesday on 11 counts of breaking ethics rules and now faces punishment. The veteran New York lawmaker immediately denounced the verdict as unfair.

An ethics panel of eight House peers deliberated over two days before delivering a jarring blow to the 20-term New York Democrat's career. Rangel was charged with 13 counts of financial and fundraising misconduct.

The conviction also was another setback for Democrats who lost control of the House to the GOP in the midterm elections.

Rangel, a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus, is not expected to resign. He is 80 years old and remains a dominant political figure in New York's famed Harlem neighborhood.

He was forced to step down last March as Ways and Means chairman when the House ethics committee, in a separate case, admonished him for taking two Caribbean trips paid for by corporations. At his one-day trial on Monday, Rangel was reduced to pleading for a postponement — arguing that his lawyers abandoned him after he paid them some \$2 million but could afford no more. The panel rejected his request, and Rangel walked out of the proceeding.

Rangel reacted bitterly to the conviction.

"How can anyone have

confidence in the decision of the ethics subcommittee when I was deprived of due process rights, right to counsel and was not even in the room?" Rangel said in a written statement.

"I can only hope that the full committee will treat me more fairly, and take into account my entire 40 years of service to the Congress before making any decisions on sanctions."

He called the panel's findings "unprecedented" because there was no rebuttal evidence. He complained that the rejection of his appeal for more time violated "the basic constitutional right to counsel."

Rangel, echoing a statement he made in August in a speech to the House, added, "any failings in my conduct were the result of "good faith mistakes" and were caused by "sloppy and careless recordkeeping, but were not criminal or corrupt."

New York Gov.-elect Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat who attended Rangel's fundraiser in August while campaigning to clean up New York politics, said, "It's obviously a sad situation to experience."

"It's important that people have full faith in the integrity in public service, so it's painful to watch," Cuomo said Tuesday at a press event near Rochester. "But we'll see what happens at the end of the process."

Only last spring, Rangel wielded significant power in the House from his position as the main writer of tax legislation. He was not present Tuesday when the verdict was announced.

The full ethics committee will

now conduct a hearing on the appropriate punishment for Rangel, the silver-haired, gravelly-voiced and sartorially flashy veteran of 20 terms in the House.

Possible sanctions include a House vote deplored Rangel's conduct, a fine and denial of privileges.

The congressional panel, sitting as a jury, found that Rangel had used House stationery and staff to solicit money for a New York college center named after him. It also concluded he solicited donors for the center with interests before the Ways and Means Committee, leaving the impression the money could influence official actions. He also was found guilty of failing to disclose at least \$600,000 in assets and income in a series of inaccurate

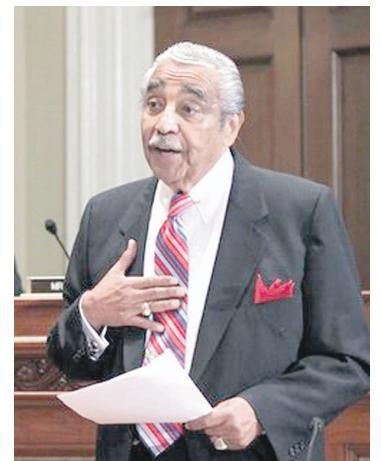
reports to Congress; using a rent-subsidized New York apartment for a campaign office, when it was designated for residential use; and failure to report to the IRS rental income from a housing unit in a Dominican Republic resort.

The ethics panel split 4-4 on a charge that Rangel violated a ban on gifts because he was to have an office — and storage

of his papers — at the Charles B. Rangel Center for Public Service at City College of New York.

Two counts charging him with misuse of Congress' free mail privilege were merged into one.

The charges said the solicitation for the Rangel Center targeted foundations and businesses that were seeking official action from the House, or had interests



FILE - In this Nov. 15, 2010 file photo, Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., appears on Capitol Hill in Washington before the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hearing. The House panel has found Rangel guilty of violating ethics rules.

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that might be substantially affected by Rangel's congressional conduct. □

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In this undated photo provided by the Routt County Sheriffs Office, Matthew Hoffman is shown. Knox County Sheriff David Barber said Maynard, a 13-year-old girl missing for days was found bound and gagged but alive in a basement Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010, and authorities hoped Hoffman charged with kidnapping her might lead them to her mother, brother and another woman who disappeared with her.

(AP Photo)

\$1 million bond set for Ohio suspect; 3 missing

By JEANNIE NUSS
ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS,
Associated Press

MOUNT VERNON, Ohio — An Ohio man accused of keeping a 13-year-old girl bound and gagged in his basement spent six years in a Colorado prison for setting a fire to cover up a burglary and had been released from parole only a month ago.

The teenager's mother and brother, along with a friend of her mother's, remained missing Tuesday after authorities searched a lake and park near the suspect's home. Authorities offered little hope that they would be found alive but planned to continue their search.

Matthew J. Hoffman has been held at the Knox County jail

since his Sunday arrest on a kidnapping charge.

He appeared in Mount Vernon Municipal Court on Tuesday through a video link from the jail, where he was wearing a green sleeveless shirt that revealed muscular arms. He mostly stared straight ahead, and yawned at one point.

He did not enter a plea. The judge set bond at \$1 million and assigned a public defender to represent Hoffman. Authorities said more charges were expected.

Police on Sunday rescued 13-year-old Sarah Maynard from the basement of Hoffman's home, then began a search of a nearby lake for Maynard's mother, 32-year-old Tina Herrmann; the woman's 10-year-old son, Kody Maynard; and her 41-year-old friend, Stephanie Sprang.

It wasn't clear how well Hoffman, 30, knew the four, but county Sheriff David Barber suggested the defendant had been watching them.

"They knew Hoffman or Hoffman made himself known to them; he acquainted himself with the family whether they knew he was acquainting himself with them or not," Barber said Monday at a news conference at which he said it was possible "that these folks are dead."

Sprang's father, Steve Thompson, said Tuesday morning that he's staying optimistic. "We know they are alive and we will find them eventually," Thompson said in an interview with CBS' "The Early Show," expressing hope that the three are tied up somewhere and will soon free themselves and resurface.

Hoffman was sitting nearby last week when police recovered the missing family's truck in central Ohio, Barber said. His mother and stepfather live less than a mile away from Herrmann's home in a lakeside

community about 40 miles north of Columbus. Hoffman last lived there two years ago, his mother said.

Thompson said he did not know Hoffman and had no idea how he became connected with his daughter and Herrmann.

"I don't think either one of the girls would have been really talking with him or just hanging out with him," Thompson said on NBC's "Today."

Hoffman was sentenced to eight years in prison in Colorado in 2001 for arson and other charges.

The Steamboat Pilot & Today of Steamboat Springs, Colo., reported Tuesday that he pleaded guilty to setting a fire to cover up a burglary he had committed the day before at a town house where he had installed some plumbing fixtures. The fire destroyed two town houses, damaged eight others and forced the evacuation of 16 people.

"I just want to say that I did have concern for the people in the condos," Hoffman said at his sentencing, according to the newspaper. "Now that I think back about it, I would not have done it."

Authorities allowed Hoffman to move to Ohio in 2007 after he was released on parole, which ended about a month ago. He had paid about \$4,800 toward \$2.06 million in restitution, Colorado court system spokesman Jon Sarche said.

Knox County Prosecutor John Thatcher referred to the Colorado case when arguing for the \$1 million bond.

"Based on the seriousness of the charges, the fact the defendant — he's only recently returned from Colorado — and other than his mother and stepfather has minimal ties to Knox County, he presents a flight risk," Thatcher said.

Public Defender Bruce Malek argued that Hoffman owns

real estate in the county, has a father and sister in northeast Ohio and is employed as a tree trimmer, but it's seasonal work. "He is not currently employed, but he does have business connections here in Knox County," he said.

A message seeking further comment was left for Malek on Tuesday afternoon.

Authorities first questioned Hoffman on Thursday, the day after Herrmann failed to show up for work at Dairy Queen. Police found him sitting in his car near a bike trail opposite property owned by Kenyon College, near where Herrmann's pickup truck was found, Barber said.

The sheriff didn't say what later led investigators to Hoffman's two-story, tansided house. Authorities spent Monday scouring bike paths and riverbanks. A search team pulled a car and an SUV from a lake near Hoffman's home, but investigators say they're not likely related to the disappearances.

Barber declined to comment on whether Sarah was assaulted or the details of her capture. She was released from a hospital and was staying with relatives. "She is a very brave little girl," Barber said. "Under the circumstances, a 13-year-old girl being held captive for four days by a total stranger ... I would call her the epitome of bravery."

At the Columbus home of the girl's paternal grandmother, Patricia Baker, a younger woman answered the door on Tuesday and declined to comment.

June Chadwell, 66, who said she had lived across the street from Baker for 37 years, said she had seen no sign of the girl but said the child's father, Larry Maynard, lived at the home with Baker and that he was seen sitting on a deck outside the home on Monday. □

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"When Marc was with us at Silverado's I fed him pizza for lunch and I received this fantastic dinner in return. What would have happened if I had upgraded the pizza?"

A group of around fifty people greatly enjoyed the evening, even though there had been a change in location. The threat of rain showers made the choice Passions on the Beach not feasible, so the choice for Tulip Restaurant was made. The restaurant looked absolutely lovely and very festive and the amuse-gueule of a

pastry cone with yellow fin tuna tartar, mango chutney and seaweed salad was a hit. The Silverado Vineyards Miller Ranch Sauvignon Blanc 2009 was fresh and silky and much appreciated by the guests.

After the appetizer of Dutch steamed mussels and the crisp, fruity Schug Carneros Estate Chardonnay the main course was served. It was 'Ras el Hanout' spiced marinated rack of lamb, accompanied by dried fruit cous cous and pistachio. The excellent Silverado Vineyards Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2006, with its rich, ripe fruit aromas provided the balanced, velvety taste that came straight from the Stags Leap Vineyard. Dessert was memorable: a pear and raisin puff pastry

with a gorgonzola mousse was heavenly with the Silverado Vineyards Limited Late Harvest 2003, which had been flown in per FedEx especially for this occasion.

The dessert as well as the wine were truly spectacular. Mr. Russ Weis thanked everyone present for the animated evening at the Tulip Restaurant of the Amsterdam Manor Resort: he had had a great time. Arion Wine Company's Govert van der Hout, representative of Silverado Vineyards, thanked in his turn Marc Giesbers and his staff, the Van Schaijk family of Amsterdam Manor for their hospitality and the assembled guests. Once again it had been a super event of the Friends of Arion.



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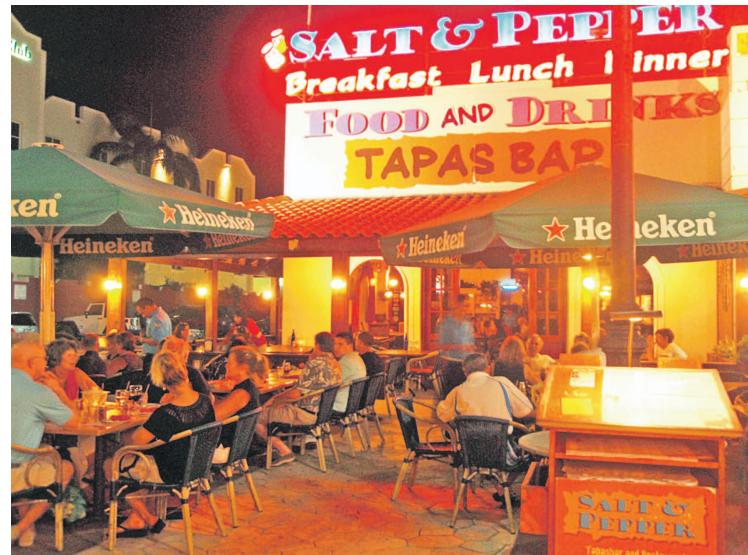


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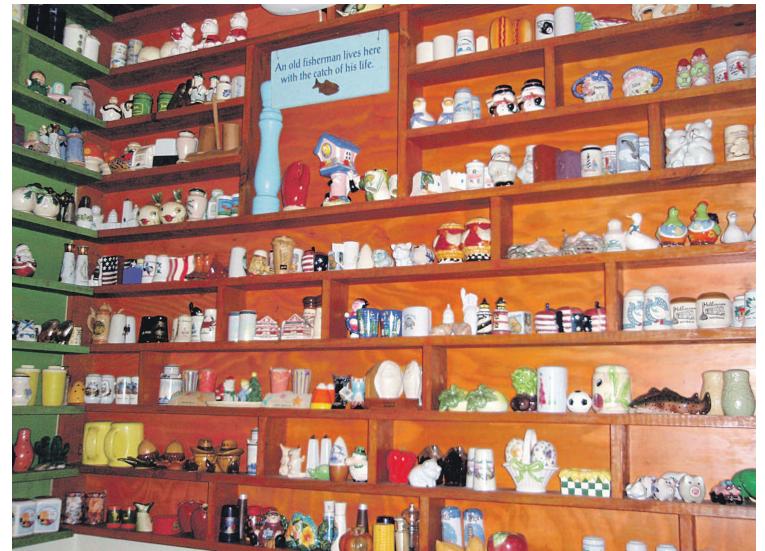
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Acting From Emotion

Life is fragile. The tiniest change in any given condition can destroy what we thought was a solid foundation. In the moments when our security crumbles around us, it is important to realize that we aren't thinking like we normally do. Different external conditions trigger different hormones, which make us think, act and feel differently.

When our external support structure suddenly crumbles, we might become irrational in our emotions, thoughts and actions. When it really matters, we must prevent our own irrational behavior. We know when we're distorted by external forces, and it is up to us to not act on them.

When the world suddenly distorts our perceptions, it is up to us to recognize that we're not seeing things as we're used to. Extreme confusion often precedes extreme clarity. When we act from emotion, we hurt ourselves and others. When we see that we're distorted and then check our actions, we become enlightened in that moment. We overcome our primal motivators when we see the bigger picture of what is driving us.

With practice, it will become easier to recognize your distorted state. The more you refrain from emotional action, the easier your life will become. Human Emotion is the reason we're in bodies, so embrace your emotion. Just don't act irrationally when you're emotional.

Until Tomorrow.

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~Quentin Danziger

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A total of 12 pairs joined the bridge session at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort.

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- 1 Liesbeth van de Ham / Carola Pinxter 61.33 %
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- 5 Helen and Chris Goody 55.17 %
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- 7 Nelly Aal / Gerry Meenhorst 50.58 %

Friday evening, 12

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A total of 10 pairs joined the bridge session at the Frank Conway Roomn of Casa del Mar, starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person. The club can also be of assistance in finding single players a bridge partner. Please call Addy Eilers, tel. 5824953. □

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Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Roomn of Casa del Mar, starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person. The club can also be of assistance in finding single players a bridge partner. Please call Addy Eilers, tel. 5824953. □

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Morocco defends raid on Western Sahara camp

CIARAN GILES

Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — Morocco's interior minister defended Tuesday police who intervened to break up a protest camp in the disputed Western Sahara, saying the security forces acted peacefully.

Taieb Cherqaoui said no Saharawis died in riots that broke out in the camp and afterward in the nearby city of Laayoune but that 10 Moroccan police did die, all but one in the camp. However, the Saharawi pro-independence movement, the Polisario Front, put the Saharawi death toll at 38 in the violence that erupted Nov. 8, with hundreds more injured. Cherqaoui said security forces were attacked by armed

militias that had taken control of the crowded tent city and were preventing people from leaving. He said that was the reason for the police intervention.

"This is what happened in the events of Nov 8. The security forces did not use arms. There was no genocide. There were no crimes against humanity. There was no act of horror. It was simply a peaceful intervention," the minister said in Madrid after talks with his Spanish counterpart, Alfredo Perez Rubalcaba.

In saying that, Cherqaoui denied accounts from Saharawi activists who said police opened fire with live ammunition and beat people with truncheons.

Cherqaoui's was the Moroccan

government's first public accounting of these events to foreign journalists, who have largely been denied access to the Moroccan-controlled Western Sahara since the riots. The minister played what he said was a police video of the intervention, in which youths are seen throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails at police. It shows police responding with high-pressure water hoses. Rubalcaba, speaking at a separate news conference, suggested Spain accepted Morocco's version of events. He said Cherqaoui gave a detailed explanation that "refutes the accusations made in recent days."

Cherqaoui said a Saharawi with Spanish nationality who died in the unrest was run over



In this photo released by the MAP news agency (Maghreb Arabe Presse) shows Moroccan forces dismantle a camp housing thousands of refugees in the Western Sahara, near Laayoune, Monday Nov. 8, 2010. At least three Moroccan security officials were killed and 70 injured Monday in a raid on a protest camp in the disputed territory of Western Sahara and unrest that then spread to a nearby city, where several buildings were set on fire.

Associated Press

by a vehicle and the case is under investigation.

Morocco occupied the mineral-rich Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony, in 1975 after the Spanish

withdrew.

Morocco and the Polisario Front fought a war over the territory from 1976 until a UN-brokered cease-fire took effect in 1991.

Muslims torch Christian homes in southern Egypt

SALAH NASRAWI,

Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Muslims set fire overnight to at least 10 houses belonging to Coptic Christians in a village in southern Egypt over rumors that a Christian resident had an affair with a Muslim girl, security officials said Tuesday.

The officials said security forces sealed off the village of al-Nawahid in Qena province, some 290 miles (465 kilometers) south of Cairo, to prevent the violence from spreading to neighboring towns. They said several people were arrested.

The attacks started after locals spotted a young Copt and a Muslim girl together at night inside the village cemetery, the officials said. They added that both were put under police custody as authorities investigate.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak to the media.

The village was calm by nightfall, after religious leaders from both communities appealed to their followers to end the confrontation. Some residents said they felt the situation had cooled

enough that the extra police forces could leave. Clashes between Christians and Muslims occasionally occur in southern Egypt, mostly over land or disputes over church construction. But sectarian tensions have also been on the rise recently in the capital.

Last year in Qena, a Coptic man was accused of kidnapping and raping a 12-year-old Muslim girl. The alleged assault led to widespread protests by the Muslim community and increased tensions between the two religious groups, which culminated in the murder of six Copts and one Muslim security guard at a church on Jan. 6.

Coptic Christians make up about 10 percent of Egypt's population of 80 million. Copts and Muslims generally live in peace, though tension and violence occasionally flare.

Human rights groups say attacks on Copts are on the rise, underscoring the government's failure to address chronic sectarian strains in a society where religious radicalism is gaining ground.

The government insists Christians enjoy the same rights as Muslims. □

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UK agrees to settle with ex-Guantanamo detainees



British intelligence service, MI6 headquarter is seen by River Thames in London, Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010. Britain has agreed to pay millions of pounds in settlements to a group of former Guantanamo Bay detainees who were suing the government for alleged complicity in their torture overseas.

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PAISLEY DODDS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Britain's agreement to pay hefty settlements to former Guantanamo detainees who accused the government of complicity in their torture averts a protracted legal battle that could have compromised national security and disclosed sensitive U.S. intelligence. The agreement, which came after months of legal wrangling, was a first official step toward distancing Britain from the interrogation tactics sanctioned by President George W. Bush during the U.S.-led war on terror.

The payout could prompt other former detainees to push for compensation in U.S. courts and elsewhere — even though Britain admitted no guilt.

Justice Secretary Ken Clark did not disclose the size of the settlement or who was involved, saying in his announcement to parliament Tuesday there was a binding confidentiality clause.

However, a British lawyer with knowledge of the terms told The Associated Press that at least seven former detainees — all British citizens or residents — would receive payments and one man would receive more than \$1.6 million (1 million pounds).

British spies were not accused of torturing detainees themselves, but former detainees alleged that British security services violated international law by knowing about the abuse and doing nothing to stop it.

Speaking to the House of Commons, Clarke said the government had not admitted any "culpability" in the settlement and the plaintiffs had not withdrawn their allegations.

"The alternative to any payments made would have been protracted and extremely expensive litigation," Clarke said, adding that the government

could not be certain it could "defend the security and intelligence agencies without compromising national security."

Britain's spy agencies welcomed the settlement, saying open testimony from secret agents could have jeopardized intelligence-gathering. In a joint statement, Britain's domestic spy agency, MI5, and its overseas intelligence service, MI6, said the settlement would allow them "to concentrate on protecting national security." The settlement marks a further break by Britain with U.S. policies — both past and present.

"This is the first instance in which victims of the Bush administration's rendition program have received government compensation of any kind," said Amrit Singh, a senior legal officer for the Open Society Justice Initiative, a U.S.-based think tank.

"It underscores the merits of the victims' claims and the lengths to which governments are willing to go to avoid judicial scrutiny and the airing of the truth relating to the CIA-driven rendition program," she said.

Britain has long opposed some of the interrogation techniques authorized by the Bush administration during the campaign against terror after the 9/11 attacks, saying they can produce false information as suspects eventually say anything to make the abuse stop.

One of the most striking differences between the U.S. and Britain has been in the policy of extraordinary rendition, or sending terror suspects to third-party countries where they are interrogated — sometimes outside the bounds of international conventions.

U.S. courts have refused to allow cases involving so-called renditions to move forward for national security reasons. President Barack Obama said he would try to avoid sending terror suspects to countries with poor human rights records but would not rule out future renditions.

Testimony in the British cases might also have put a renewed spotlight on Bush-era interrogation tactics and forced Obama to take a tougher stance on holding Bush administration officials accountable for torture and abuse.

Although Obama has condemned the U.S. prison camp at Guantanamo Bay, it remains open with some 174 detainees. Obama has been criticized for doing little to hold Bush administration officials accountable for torture or abuse.

In interviews last week, Bush strongly defended his approval of the use of certain "stress techniques" — which many have labeled torture under the Geneva Conventions — for interrogation of suspected terrorists, saying the methods yielded intelligence that saved lives.

Allegations of torture and abuse have been widespread among many Guantanamo detainees who were held in Afghanistan, Morocco and other countries before being sent to the U.S. prison camp in Cuba.

The most detailed account of abuse came in a court case involving former detainee Binyam Mohamed, who alleged that Britain was aware that the CIA sent him to be interrogated in Morocco, where his genitals were sliced with a scalpel.

Lawyers for Mohamed demanded intelligence transcripts to prove that Britain knew he was being abused and that any evidence U.S. officials had was tainted. A British court ruled last year that Mohamed was subjected to "cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment" and ordered the documents released.

Under long-standing conventions, nations don't disclose intelligence shared by their allies, and the court's ruling drove a wedge between U.S. and British intelligence officials. It also raised questions on the sanctity of intelligence-sharing agreements if courts would be able to expose private exchanges in the future. □

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Hope fades in search of collapsed Indian building

KATY DAIGLE

Associated Press

NEW DELHI (AP) — Anna Halder sat on a patch of packed mud and dialed her cell phone Tuesday, clinging to the hope that her parents or sisters somehow survived under the wreckage of their collapsed apartment building and would pick up.

"It's ringing," she said. No one answered. She dialed again.

At least 66 people were killed and 73 were injured after the crude brick building crashed down in a congested New Delhi neighborhood. By Tuesday evening, as rescue workers continued to tear through the pile of broken bricks, twisted iron rods and concrete slabs, hope for finding more survivors was fading.

The building collapsed Monday about the time families were cooking dinner. Halder, 18, had not yet returned from her job as a housekeeper. Her working-class family, like millions of other migrants, moved to New Delhi hoping to get jobs in the growing Indian capital.

They, and many others from West Bengal, found housing in the crude brick building in the Lalita Park neighborhood near the Yamuna River because it was one of the rare homes they could afford amid the skyrocketing real estate prices in the crowded city. But the building was two floors higher than legally allowed, and its foundation appeared to have been weakened by water damage following monsoon rains.

The soil near the river is too weak to support such tall buildings, New Delhi Lt. Gov. Tejendra Khanna said. Poor construction material and inadequate foundations often are blamed for building collapses in India. In New Delhi, where land is at a premium, unscrupulous builders often break building laws to add additional floors to existing structures.

While the collapse was still being investigated, New Delhi's top elected official blamed poor construction and maintenance and vowed to punish those who had allowed the extra floors to be built.

"The scale of the tragedy is unprecedented," Sheila Dikshit said.

The building's owner, Amrit Singh, was arrested Tuesday evening after fleeing the area, the Press Trust of India reported. Officials evacuated another of Singh's buildings next door, after finding its basement was also flooded. When the building fell, residents said they heard a rumble like thunder. They sprinted to the site and tried to reach those inside by digging with their hands into the piles of concrete, bricks and mortar before police and rescue teams arrived.

"There were so many dead bodies, there was no movement at all," said Dil Nawaz Ahmed, a 25-year-old journalist who lives nearby. He said he managed to help free five injured residents, but mainly pulled out bodies, which he carried to waiting ambulances. "There were many women



Indian rescue workers break concrete to search for bodies amid debris after a four-story apartment building collapsed in New Delhi, India, Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010. Dozens of residents were killed and scores injured when the 15-year-old building housing about 200 people collapsed late Monday night, police reports said.

and children."

Rescuers sawed through iron rods and shifted concrete with a bulldozer. Sniffer dogs searched out people.

Ambulances parked nearby at the ready. Women crying over lost loved ones were led away.

Malti Halder was still waiting for information about her husband and daughter.

She is not related to Anna Halder; the name is common in West Bengal where many of the residents had come from.

"I did not find them at the hospital. I've been searching for them since last night but have not found them," she said.

M.D. Shahanawaz, a 23-year-old student, teared up as his hopes for a friend who lived in the building dwindled.

"He's dead," he said. "Everybody is coming out

critical or dead."

When workers carried a body away from the site on a stretcher, nearby rescuers stopped what they were doing and clasped their hands together in respect for the dead.

One woman whose granddaughter was killed wailed in grief from a nearby roof.

Dozens of black-and-white photographs of the dead hung on the wall outside a mortuary so relatives and friends could identify the bodies of their loved ones.

One man carried away

Associated Press

the body of a small boy wrapped in a white sheet. From another family, Jamuna Halder sat outside on a curb. "My husband is gone. My children are injured in the hospital," she said.

She lived with her husband and three children in a room for 2,400 rupees (\$54) a month after their nearby slum dwelling was demolished. She had been out cleaning houses when the building collapsed. "When I came back, I saw this tragedy had happened." □

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Stephen Compton, center, an artist and interior decorator from Dalby, Australia, attends a press conference with human rights representatives in Mexico City, Tuesday Nov. 16, 2010. Compton announced he is suing the Mexican immigration service for lost income and damages after being detained and held for more than four months at a detention center for an expired tourist visa.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — An Australian man has filed what activists said Tuesday is the first lawsuit by a migrant against Mexico's immigration service, arguing he suffered

economic, psychological and other damages from being detained for more than four months with little explanation and in poor conditions.

The migrant rights group

Associated Press

Australian man sues Mexico for four-month detention

Sin Fronteras, which is assisting Australian Stephen Compton in his 2.1 million peso (\$168,000) damage suit against the National Immigration Institute, said many other migrants have been detained for long periods in Mexico but that none before sued over the practice.

Compton, a 47-year-old artist and decorator from Dalby, Australia, had been living in the Mexican resort city of Acapulco on an expired tourist visa since 2004, but argues he was eligible for a 2007 amnesty for overstayers. Compton said he was picked up by immigration officers

in a hotel lobby in Acapulco in November 2009 and was asked to accompany them to their "offices."

He was taken instead to a migrant detention facility in Mexico City where he had to sleep in a lobby — separated from the rest of the detainees, he was told, because he is gay — and did not have regular access to showers or a telephone.

He also said he wasn't told how long he would be held or when he would be released. Compton later found out he was being held pending expulsion, but a judge overturned the expulsion

order last January. Despite that, he was held at the facility until late March, before being released.

The Immigration Institute said it had no immediate comment to the allegations.

Perseo Quiroz, a lawyer for Sin Fronteras, said current law gives immigration officials overly broad discretion on how long to hold foreigners and under what conditions.

Most people in such facilities are undocumented migrants from Central America, and activists say they have interviewed detainees who have spent as long as eight months in such facilities. □

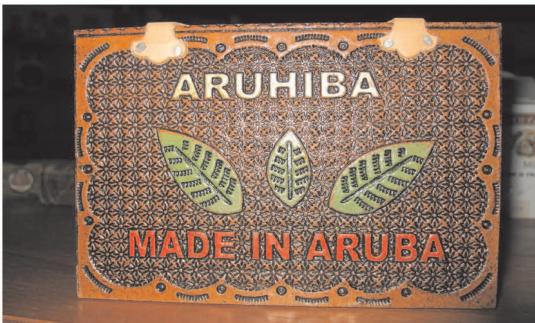
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HAPPY HALLADAY



This Oct. 6, 2010, file photo shows Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Roy Halladay enroute to a no-hitter against the Cincinnati Reds during the fifth inning of Game 1 of baseball's National League Division Series, in Philadelphia.

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Lance Armstrong watches as Jimmie Johnson prepares for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Texas Motor Speedway on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, in Fort Worth, Texas.

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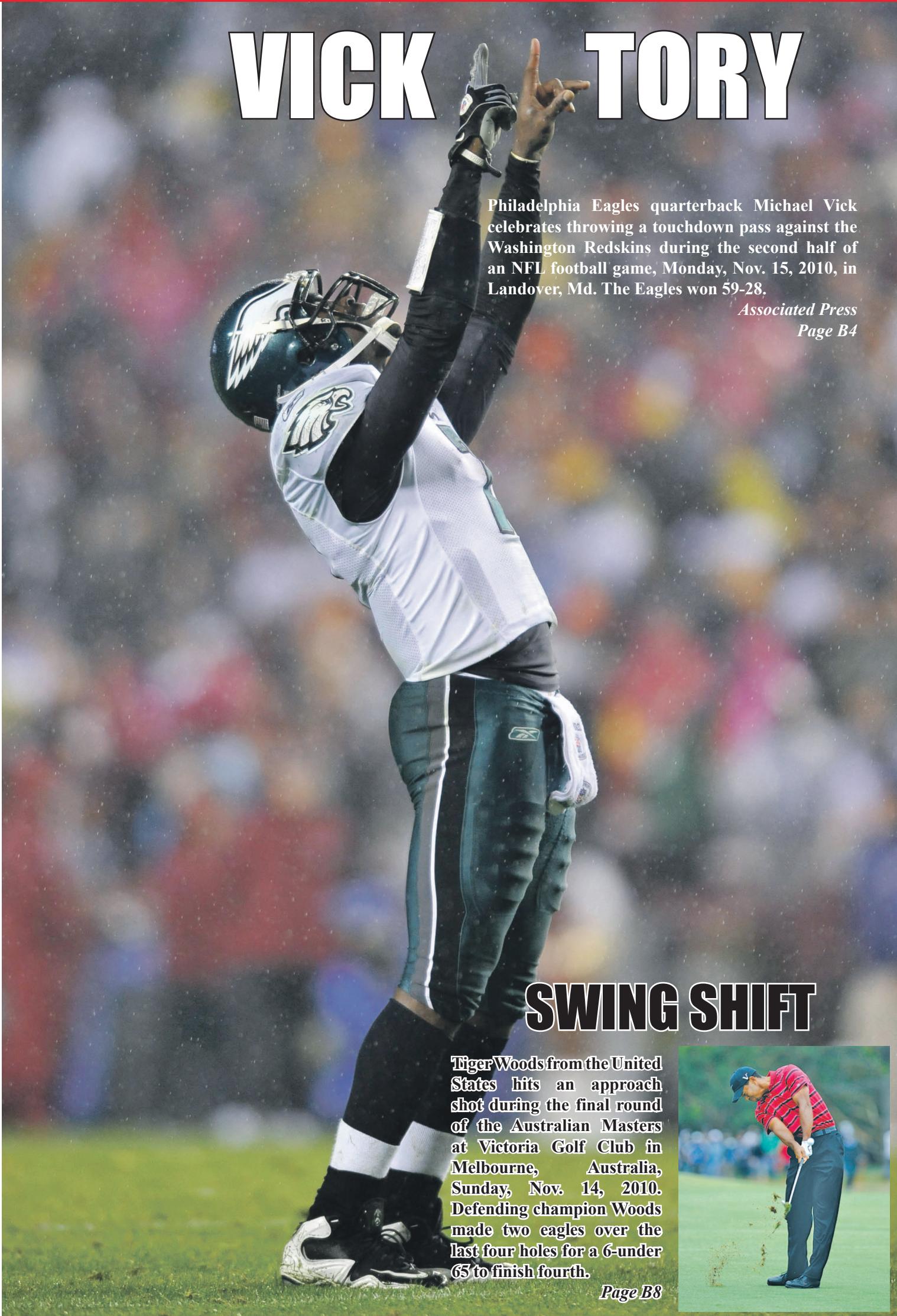
U.S. doping investigation comes to France

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VICK TORY

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick celebrates throwing a touchdown pass against the Washington Redskins during the second half of an NFL football game, Monday, Nov. 15, 2010, in Landover, Md. The Eagles won 59-28.

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Iverson scores 15 points in his debut

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Former NBA All-Star Allen Iverson has scored 15 points in his debut for Besiktas Cola Turka but failed to carry his team to victory against Hemofarm Stada.

Hemofarm Stada defeated Besiktas 94-91 in a European Cup game on Tuesday in Istanbul. Turkish fans shouted "Allen Iverson, the son of Besiktas Cola Turka" during the match.

The 11-time NBA All-Star had agreed to a \$4 million, two-year contract with Besiktas after no NBA team offered him a contract for the season.

Iverson is 17th on the NBA's career scoring list with 24,368 points over a 14-year career with Philadelphia, Denver, Detroit and Memphis. He won the league's Most Valuable Player award in 2001. □



Allen Iverson of Besiktas Cola Turka tries to pass the Hemofarm Stada defense during their Eurocup group B basketball match in Istanbul, Turkey, Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010.

Associated Press



Dallas Mavericks point guard Jose Juan Barea (11) drives past New Orleans Hornets Emeka Okafor (50) and Mavericks' Brendan Haywood (33) during the fourth quarter of an NBA basketball game in Dallas, Monday, Nov. 15, 2010. The Mavericks won 98-95. Associated Press

NBA Roundup

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks handed the New Orleans Hornets their first loss of the NBA season on Monday, winning 98-95 with Jason Terry scoring 26 points, including the go-ahead jumper in the final minute.

New Orleans, which had been off to a franchise-best 8-0 start, got 22 points from Chris Paul, but only two came in the second half.

Dirk Nowitzki had 25 points and 10 rebounds to help

the Mavericks stretch their winning streak to four games. Peja Stojakovic added 17 points and Emeka Okafor pulled down 14 rebounds for New Orleans.

Thunder 115, Jazz 108

In Salt Lake City, Oklahoma City ended Utah's five-game winning streak, led by Kevin Durant's 30 points.

Serge Ibaka and Russell Westbrook added 22 apiece for the Thunder who trailed by 12 points as Utah's Deron Williams hit his first six

Mavericks hand Hornets first loss of the season

shots. Williams finished with 31 points and 11 assists.

Oklahoma City made 33 of 34 from the free throw line, including 10 straight in the fourth quarter to seal the victory.

The Jazz pulled within three points with 12 seconds left, but Durant made four straight free throws to end it.

Magic 89, Grizzlies 72

In Orlando, the hosts smothered Memphis defensively, holding the Grizzlies to their lowest score in two seasons.

Dwight Howard had 18 points and 14 rebounds and Vince Carter scored 19 points for Orlando, which built a 16-point lead, lost it, then went back ahead by 17 points in the fourth quarter to put away the game.

They held the high-scoring Grizzlies — who came into the game averaging 104 points per game — to 36 percent shooting.

Marc Gasol had 14 points and eight rebounds in the Grizzlies' third straight loss.

Suns 100, Nuggets 94

In Phoenix, the hosts overcome a 15-point, first-half deficit to beat Denver for the 12th straight time at home.

Hakim Warrick scored 21 points to lead a balanced attack for the Suns, who had a rough night from 3-point range, making just 4 of 20 after nearly breaking the NBA record with 22 in a win over

the Lakers the day before.

Phoenix also had a sloppy first half (at both ends), making up for it by putting six players in double figures. Steve Nash had 15 points and seven assists.

Carmelo Anthony had 20 points and 22 rebounds for Denver.

Warriors 101, Pistons 97

In Oakland, Golden State remained undefeated at home despite losing nearly all of a 32-point, first-half advantage against Detroit.

Monta Ellis scored 24 of his 27 points in the first half and Stephen Curry added 21 points as the Warriors improved to 5-0 at home; their best start since winning their first six of the 1990-91 season.

Charlie Villanueva scored 18 points, one of six Pistons to reach double figures, as Detroit rushed back from the large deficit to draw within 98-96 with 14 seconds remaining.

Bobcats 113, Timberwolves 110

In Charlotte, Gerald Wallace set a franchise record with 17 free throws made as Charlotte rallied to beat Minnesota.

Wallace scored 26 points and also made a key steal late for the Bobcats, who entered the game as the NBA's only winless team at home, and looked set for an 0-5 home court record when they trailed 107-99 with 2:08 left. But Wallace and Stephen

Jackson, who also scored 26 points, led Charlotte's comeback.

Wallace's two free throws with 31.6 seconds left put Charlotte ahead to stay.

Minnesota's Michael Beasley scored 28 points, but had two key turnovers in the closing minutes.

Nets 110, Clippers 96

In Los Angeles, New Jersey overcame the second-quarter ejection of leading scorer Devin Harris to hand Los Angeles its sixth straight loss. Brook Lopez scored 24 points for the Nets and Travis Outlaw added 23 against his former team.

Harris had eight points and seven assists in 14 minutes before his sudden departure for the frightening Grade 2 flagrant foul against rookie forward Blake Griffin by tackling him on a breakaway drive.

The injury-depleted Clippers, off to a 1-10 start and struggling badly without center Chris Kaman and point guard Baron Davis, got 30 points from shooting guard Eric Gordon in his second game back from a bruised shoulder.

In other NBA games it was Charlotte 113, Minnesota 110; Orlando 89, Memphis 72; Dallas 98, New Orleans 95; Phoenix 100, Denver 94; Oklahoma City 115, Utah 108; Golden State 101, Detroit 97; and New Jersey 110, L.A. Clippers 96. □

Phils' Halladay unanimously wins NL Cy Young Award

BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Roy Halladay added another victory to an almost perfect season on Tuesday, unanimously winning the NL Cy Young Award and becoming the fifth pitcher to earn the honor in both leagues.

The Philadelphia ace was an easy choice after leading the league with 21 wins and topping the majors in innings, shutouts and complete games.

Acquired by the Phillies from Toronto last December and immediately given a \$60 million, three-year contract extension, Halladay did everything expected of him — and more.

Halladay threw a perfect game at Florida on May 29, firmly stamping this season as the Year of the Pitcher, then tossed a no-hitter game against Cincinnati in his playoff debut.

Halladay received all 32 first-place votes in results released by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Adam Wainwright of St.

Louis was second and Ubaldo Jimenez of Colorado was third. San Francisco ace Tim Lincecum, who won the past two NL Cy Youngs, finished 11th. Halladay went 21-10 with a 2.44 ERA and 219 strikeouts in his first season in the NL. The 33-year-old right-hander pitched 250 2-3 innings, nine complete games and four shutouts, living up to his billing for excellence and durability. Voting for the award ended after the regular season. Three days later, Halladay completely overmatched the Reds, the top-hitting team in the NL, in their playoff opener.

Halladay split a pair of matchups with Lincecum in the NL championship series. The Giants won in six games, blunting the Phillies' bid to reach the World Series for the third straight year.

The pitcher nicknamed "Doc" added to the 2003 AL Cy Young he won with the Blue Jays. He joined Roger Clemens, Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez and Gaylord Perry as

pitchers to earn the award in both leagues.

Halladay arrived in Philadelphia amid much fanfare. The night of the trade, he received a standing ovation from nearly 20,000 fans when he was introduced in person at a Philadelphia 76ers game. He was dominant in an opening-day victory at Washington and won his first four decisions. The next month, he threw the 20th perfect game in major league history — only after got pinch-hitter Ronny Paulino to hit a grounder for the final out did Halladay break into a big smile.

It was a rare show of emotion. Halladay is well known for his focus and dedication to workouts. In spring training, it was not uncommon to see him in camp by 6 a.m.

Halladay earned his 18th win in mid-September. Despite all of their recent success, no Phillies had reached had won more than 17 since 1983, when Denny did it.

Halladay became the 13th pitcher to unanimously win



This Oct. 6, 2010, file photo shows Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Roy Halladay celebrating with catcher Carlos Ruiz (51) after throwing a no-hitter to defeat the Cincinnati Reds 4-0 in Game 1 of baseball's National League Division Series, in Philadelphia. Halladay unanimously won the NL Cy Young Award, Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, making him the fifth pitcher to earn the honor in both leagues.

Associated Press

the NL Cy Young, with Jake Peavy previously doing it in 2007. It has happened eight times in the AL, with Johan Santana last accomplishing the feat in 2006.

The Cy Young started in 1956. Through the 1966

season, there was just one selection from both leagues. Halladay was the seventh Phillies pitcher to win the award. Along with Carlton, John Denny won in 1983 and reliever Steve Bedrosian got it in 1987. □

Yanks raise some ticket prices for next year

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

The New York Yankees are raising the prices of some of their most expensive tickets for next year after making big cuts in 2010, and are hiking the cost of bleacher seats for only the third time in 13 years.

The price of the best field-level seats will rise to \$260 as part of season ticket plans, the team said Monday. Those seats cost \$250 this year, down from \$325 when new Yankee Stadium opened in 2009.

Seats which had been slashed from \$325 to \$235 will remain unchanged, as will many other seats in the field level. Toward the outfield, tickets that had been \$100 will rise to \$110, and tickets that had been \$75 will go up to \$80.

Upper deck prices remain unchanged. Bleacher seats that had been \$12 increase to \$15, while \$5 bleacher seats remain the same. Lonn Trost, the team's chief operating officer, said 53 percent of the non-premium seats remain unchanged next year. To determine

prices, the team examined the resale amounts of tickets on StubHub.com.

"We're not trying to take away the ability of fans to make a profit when they resell tickets," he said, "but the ones where we raised prices were not selling for just above face, but were far above face."

The 1,704 non-premium seats in the two sections on each side of the Delta suite — sections 216-217 and 223-224 — will remain unchanged after increasing from \$100 to \$125 last year. Seats on the main level that had been \$100 will rise to \$110, and remaining main level seats will go up \$5 each to \$50, \$65 and \$80.

Fans willing to make multiyear commitments, however, can get lower prices, Trost said.

The \$260 seats drop to \$240 next year with a three-year contract, \$230 with a five-year contract and \$220 with a 10-year contract — with the provision they can rise 4.5 percent annually.

"You have price protection and price certainty," he said. □



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NFL Roundup

Vick & Eagles embarrass McNabb & Redskins 59-28



Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick (7) celebrates after scoring a rushing touchdown against the Washington Redskins during the first half of an NFL football game, Monday, Nov. 15, 2010, in Landover, Md.

JOSEPH WHITE

AP Sports Writer

LANDOVER, Maryland (AP)

— The Philadelphia Eagles led 28-0 after one quarter — the biggest such lead for a road team in the past 60 years — and went on to demolish the Washington Redskins 59-28 in the NFL on Monday.

The Eagles also set team records for the most yards in a game (592) and points in a half (45) as Michael Vick outshone opposing quarterback Donovan McNabb on a night the former Eagle was supposed to shine after having inked a \$78 million contract extension.

Philadelphia scored on an 88-yard pass from Vick to DeSean Jackson on the first play from scrimmage, led 35-0 after the first play of the second quarter and barely let up.

Vick completed his first 10 passes and finished 20 for 28 for 333 yards with four

touchdowns. He also ran eight times for 80 yards and two scores, moving past Steve Young and into second place in NFL history for yards rushing by a quarterback.

He became the first player in NFL history with at least 300 yards passing, 50 yards rushing, four passing touchdowns and two rushing touchdowns in a game. He hasn't thrown an interception or lost a fumble this season.

The win moved Philadelphia into a first-place tie with the New York Giants in the National Conference East division, with both teams two games ahead of the Redskins (4-5). The Eagles are 4-0 when Vick starts and finishes the game.

A few hours before kickoff, the Redskins signed McNabb to a five-year, \$78 million contract extension with \$40 million guaranteed, putting to rest any doubts as to

whether he would remain the centerpiece of coach Mike Shanahan's rebuilding effort. It was Washington's first game since Shanahan benched McNabb in the final two minutes of a loss to the Detroit, when the coach cited McNabb's less-than-full grasp of the two-minute offense and later the quarterback's lack of "cardiovascular endurance" stemming from sore hamstrings.

McNabb received a standing ovation and applauded the fans in return when he was introduced with the starting lineups, but most of those fans had left by halftime on a rainy night in which they heartily booed offense and defense alike.

McNabb finished 17 for 31 for 295 yards with two

touchdowns and three interceptions, nearly all of the yards coming after the Redskins had dug themselves a five-touchdown hole. Dimitri Patterson intercepted McNabb twice, returning one of them 40 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter.

Interestingly, Shanahan made McNabb finish the entire game this time, even with the game out of reach in the fourth quarter.

The 45 first-half points allowed by the Redskins tied a franchise worst, and the (59) total points were the most allowed by a team coached by Shanahan.

Vick was among the players at the forefront of a skirmish between the teams on the field before the game, forcing officials to step in and restore

peace. Maybe it fired him and his teammates up, because everything seemed to work early on: The Eagles piled up 280 total yards in the first quarter.

The touchdowns came early and often: the 88-yarder to Jackson, who had time to strut backward into the end zone; a 7-yard scramble by Vick; an 11-yard shovel pass to LeSean McCoy; a 50-yard run by Jerome Harrison, who weaved through missed tackles and around bad angles taken by Redskins defenders; a 48-yard pass to Jeremy Maclin, who made a remarkable grab as fell backward onto the pylon; a 6-yard run by Vick on a quarterback draw; a 3-yard pass to Jason Avant; and Patterson's interception runback. □

MLS reserve league will return for 2011 season

By NANCY ARMOUR

AP National Writer

Major League Soccer's reserve league will return in 2011, another step in improving player development.

The reserve league will have a 10-game regular season and playoffs, giving young players match experience on a consistent basis. Most top European soccer leagues have similar systems.

"Our technical committee ... it's their strong view that we need to have a reserve division as an essential part of our player development ladder in the United States," MLS Commissioner Don Garber said Tuesday in his annual state of the league address.

The reserve league was disbanded in 2008 after four seasons because of costs and logistics problems, but its return had been expected since Adidas extended its sponsorship deal this summer. The new eight-year deal, which begins next year and is worth more than \$200 million, included a significant investment in

youth development.

MLS and its teams are already devoting significant resources and attention to their development academies, which groom high school-age players and have already produced first-team starters such as MLS Rookie of the Year Andy Najar. But it's hard for most players to make the leap from high school or even college straight to an MLS game-day roster, and there is a fear future American stars are stagnating while they fight for playing time. When the U.S. was eliminated in the group stage of the Under-20 World Cup last year, coach Thomas Rongen blamed part of his team's erratic play on the lack of an MLS reserve league.

"We go from full-time residency to a black hole," Rongen said then. "That's the reason we are erratic from game to game. There's no game sharpness, there's no game fitness and no game rhythm. Because of the MLS dropping the reserve league the black hole will become deeper and darker." □

Redskins silence McNabb doubts with big contract

JOSEPH WHITE
AP Sports Writer

LANDOVER, Maryland (AP) — The Washington Redskins have signed quarterback Donovan McNabb to a five-year contract extension worth \$78 million, dousing speculation that coach Mike Shanahan had lost faith in his high-profile recruit.

Two weeks after Shanahan benched McNabb in the final 1:50 of a loss to the lowly Detroit Lions, the Redskins splashed the cash on a quarterback who is about to turn 34 and is having his worst season since he was a rookie.

Stats aside, however, the Redskins have decided the six-time Pro Bowler will remain a centerpiece in the team's rebuilding project, even as both endure growing pains with Washington's new offense. "Now he doesn't have to focus or concentrate on what next year will bring," said Fletcher Smith, McNabb's agent. "He knows he's going to be a Redskin; now he can focus on playing football."

The deal came with impeccable timing. It was announced a few hours before McNabb and the Redskins lost 59-28 to the quarterback's longtime team, the Philadelphia Eagles, in Monday night's game. McNabb was 17 for 31 for 295 yards with two touchdown passes and three interceptions.

It also came as debate still rumbled about Shanahan's decision to bench McNabb when the Redskins trailed the Lions by six points — only the second time McNabb had been benched in his career. Replacement quarterback Rex Grossman lost a fumble that was returned for a touchdown, and Washington lost to arguably the NFL's worst team.

Pulling McNabb was baffling enough, but Shanahan compounded the matter by offering varying explanations over multiple days.

First, Shanahan said he felt Grossman was more knowledgeable in the team's two-minute offense. Then the coach said McNabb lacked the "cardiovascular endurance" to run a fast-paced drill because of nagging hamstring injuries. Offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan said McNabb had been tipped in advance that the team might go with Grossman; McNabb claimed he didn't hear that. The confusion put the Redskins in the spotlight during their bye week. It had always been assumed the Redskins would sign McNabb to an extension before his contract expired at the end of the season, but had Shanahan lost confidence in him? And would McNabb even want to stay?

The answers, apparently, are no and yes. Smith said the benching had no effect on the negotiations, which had been ongoing to some degree since McNabb was acquired from the Philadelphia Eagles for a

pair of draft picks in April. "Once the regular season started, we really were aiming toward the bye week, and it came together," Redskins general manager Bruce Allen said. "Coach and myself said that Donovan's going to be here from the beginning and Donovan has been real clear in his intent of being a Redskin."

Even so, Smith admitted he felt "a little bit of shock" when he was watching television and saw McNabb yanked for Grossman.

"The last two minutes of the game, that's really where you earn your money," Smith said. "It didn't make sense to me."

Smith said he was subsequently contacted by Allen, who let him know that the team still wanted to re-sign McNabb.

"They reached out and assured him it hadn't changed," Smith said. "They still loved him, and we had to move on from there."

Smith confessed the benching made the timing of the deal a bit odd.

"This would have made perfect sense," Smith said. "But for what happened a couple of weeks ago." □

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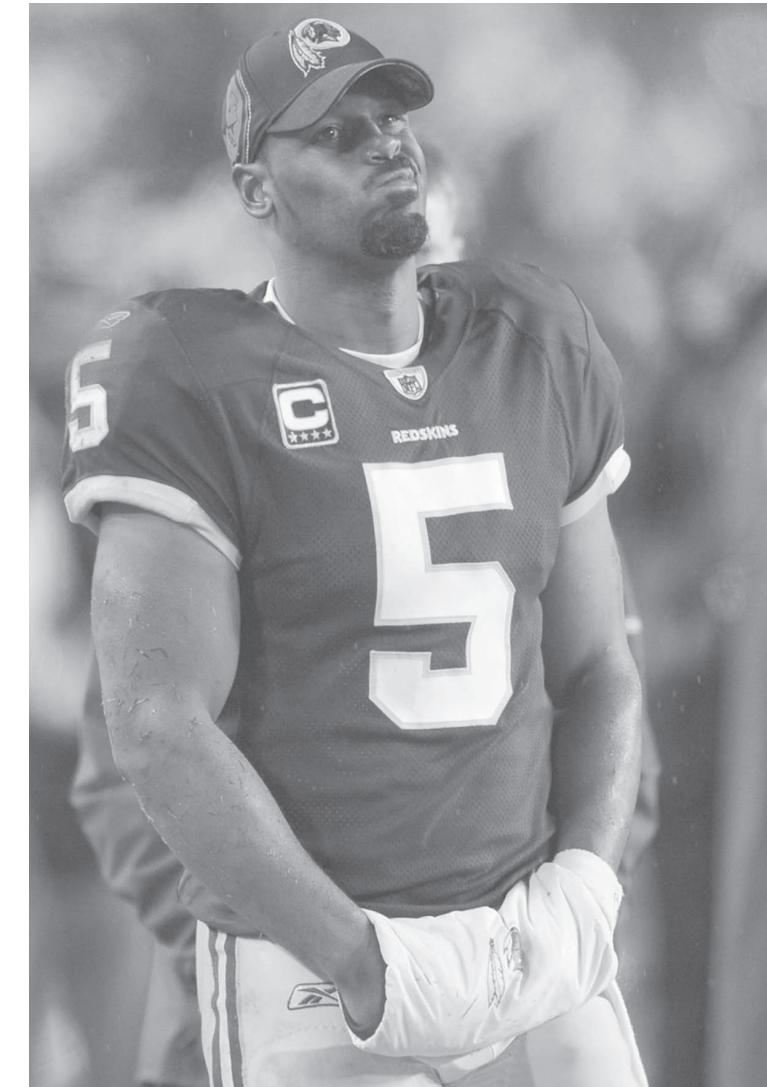
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Washington Redskins quarterback Donovan McNabb watches the closing minutes of the Redskins' 59-28 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles in an NFL football game, Monday, Nov. 15, 2010, in Landover, Md.

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APNewsBreak:

U.S. doping investigation comes to France



This July 24, 2002, file photo shows Lance Armstrong walking out of the Tour de France's anti-doping control bus after the 16th stage of the Tour de France cycling race, in La Plagne, France. A U.S. investigation into allegations of doping in professional cycling has shifted its focus to France, and talks are scheduled with police officials and the French agency that has stored some of Lance Armstrong's urine samples.

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AP Sports Writers

LYON, France (AP) — U.S. investigators interviewed French anti-doping officials at Interpol headquarters Tuesday as part of a probe into allegations of drug use by cyclists including Lance Armstrong, a French official told The Associated Press.

The investigation shifted its focus to France, with an American delegation seeking information from police officials and the national anti-doping agency that has stored some of Armstrong's samples from the Tour de France. Francoise Lasne, director of the AFLD agency's lab, and testing director Jean-Pierre Verdy were heard as witnesses Tuesday at Interpol, an official with knowledge of the meeting told the AP. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly on the case.

Interpol, the international police agency, is acting an intermediary between the U.S. and French officials.

The AFLD plans to share everything it knows with the Americans, another French official said. The official also spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to publicly discuss the meeting.

The official said he believes the American delegation is comprised of U.S. Food and Drug Administration Agent Jeff Novitzky, as well as U.S. federal prosecutor Doug Miller and U.S. Anti-Doping Agency CEO Travis Tygart.

French police officials whose job it is to investigate doping in sports in France are also meeting later this week with the Americans, a senior police official said Tuesday. That official spoke on condition that he not be named because he was not authorized to discuss the meeting publicly.

The meeting will also be in Lyon, the south-central city where Interpol is located, and was organized through the police agency, said the

official. He said he expects the meeting would cover, among other matters, disgraced cyclist Floyd Landis' allegations that seven-time Tour champion Armstrong and members of his former U.S. Postal team systematically doped. The police officials work for a French agency that, separately, has also been investigating syringes and transfusion equipment found after the 2009 Tour de France in a trash container that French officials say belonged to the Astana cycling team that included Armstrong and Tour winner Alberto Contador.

Novitzky was booked Tuesday into a hotel in Lyon. Miller had also been booked in at the same hotel but then canceled the reservation. Miller couldn't immediately be reached for comment. A message on his office voicemail said that he would be out of the country from Monday to Thursday. Thom Mrozek, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office, declined comment. Reached via e-mail, Tygart declined to comment. In a recorded phone message at USADA headquarters, Tygart said he was out of the office on business.

The World Anti-Doping Agency has "no particular information about this particular matter," spokesman Frederic Donze said.

One of the French officials said the AFLD would share "everything we know, everything we have, in the fridges, in the freezers, everything, everywhere" and is prepared to answer "everything that they ask."

The former head of the French agency, Pierre Bordry, previously promised to hand over Armstrong's samples from the 1999 Tour de France to Novitzky if the agent makes an official request. Bordry announced his resignation this September after battling with French authorities over the budget for the doping agency. "The samples were clean when originally provided and tested. So we have nothing to be concerned about. Period," Mark Fabiani, an attorney for Armstrong, said in a statement sent to the AP on Tuesday. □

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NHL Roundup

Surging Flyers too much for Senators

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia captain Mike Richards scored two goals for the second straight game as the surging Flyers beat the Ottawa Senators 5-1 in the NHL on Monday.

Sergei Bobrovsky stopped 28 shots while Danny Briere, Darroll Powe and Claude Giroux also scored for the Flyers, who have won nine of their past 10 games and picked up a point in the other. Philadelphia hasn't lost in regulation since Oct. 25.

Jason Spezza had the Senators' lone goal.

The game was stopped in the first period when a young girl was struck in the head when a puck deflected into the stands. She received medical attention and was taken to a hospital for evaluation.

Sharks 6, Kings 3

In San Jose, California, San Jose ended Los Angeles' winning trot at six games.

Patrick Marleau had a goal and two assists while Dany Heatley added a key power-play goal for the Sharks.

Heatley and Joe Pavelski each had a goal and an assist as the Sharks reminded their upstart rivals exactly who has been on top of the Pacific Division for the past three years.

Los Angeles has jumped out to the early Western Conference lead with 12 wins in its first 15 games, but the Sharks have gathered momentum after a slow start. San Jose had its biggest offensive game of the season while producing the most goals scored against the Kings this year.

Rangers 3, Penguins 2, OT

In Pittsburgh, Ryan Callahan scored 3:38 into overtime to give New York its third straight win, edging Pittsburgh.

Callahan tapped in a perfect feed from Brandon Dubinsky on a 2-on-1 break for his fifth of the season and first in seven games.

Erik Christensen gave the Rangers a 1-0 lead in the second period.

Pittsburgh's Chris Kunitz and Matt Cooke scored 38 seconds apart in the final 2:31

of regulation, but New York's Marc Staal tied it 27 seconds later to force overtime.

In Denver, defenseman John-Michael Liles scored twice in the first period to set up Colorado's win over struggling St. Louis.

Brandon Yip and David Jones scored 17 seconds apart in the second period, Paul Stastny and Kevin Porter added goals and Peter Budaj stopped 27 shots for the Avalanche, who have won five straight over the Blues.

St. Louis' Alexander Steen scored 54 seconds in, Carlo Colaiacovo added a goal, and Brad Boyes had one on a power play, but the Blues lost their fourth straight.

Sabres 4, Canucks 3, OT

In Buffalo, Tyler Myers scored 4:37 into overtime to carry Buffalo past Vancouver. Myers took defenseman Dan Hamhuis' giveaway in the slot and put a wrist shot past goalie Cory Schneider for the winner.

Tyler Ennis, Cody McCormick and Steve Montador also scored for the Sabres.

Vancouver's Daniel Sedin had a goal and assist, Alexander Edler and Mikael Samuelsson also scored for the Northwest Division-leading Canucks.

Bruins 3, Devils 0

In Boston, Tim Thomas made 28 saves for his fourth shutout of the season as Boston beat New Jersey.

Thomas improved to 9-1 and posted his 21st NHL shutout. Mark Recchi had two assists, while Michael Ryder, Nathan Horton and Blake Wheeler scored for the Bruins, who were 0-2-1 with four goals in their previous three home games.

The Devils have been shut out in three of their past six games and have scored one goal or fewer nine times.

In other NHL games it was
Boston 3, New Jersey 0;
Buffalo 4, Vancouver 3, OT;
Philadelphia 5, Ottawa 1;
N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT; Colorado 6, St. Louis 3; and San Jose 6, Los Angeles 3. □



Philadelphia Flyers' Mike Richards, left, and Andrej Meszaros, of the Czech Republic, celebrate after Richards' goal in the third period of an NHL hockey game against the Ottawa Senators, Monday, Nov. 15, 2010, in Philadelphia. Philadelphia won 5-1.

Associated Press

Ex-MSU player in Newton saga interviewed by FBI

By DAVID BRANDT

AP Sports Writer

An attorney for the former Mississippi State player who helped spark the NCAA's investigation of Auburn quarterback Cam Newton said Tuesday his client has been interviewed by the FBI.

Phil Abernethy wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press that John Bond met with federal law enforcement and state investigators Tuesday and that he "cooperated fully with both agencies and has provided them all facts known by him."

Abernethy says Bond would have no further comment because of the "ongoing nature" of the investigation. The FBI also declined comment on Tuesday.

Newton's father, Cecil, has been accused of seeking cash during his son's recruitment. Cecil Newton has denied any wrongdoing and Mississippi State officials have said all of its employees acted appropriately.

Bond, a former Mississippi State quarterback, told MSU officials in January he had been asked for \$180,000 by a former teammate in

exchange for Newton's commitment to the Bulldogs. The man was later identified as Kenny Rogers in an ESPN.com report.

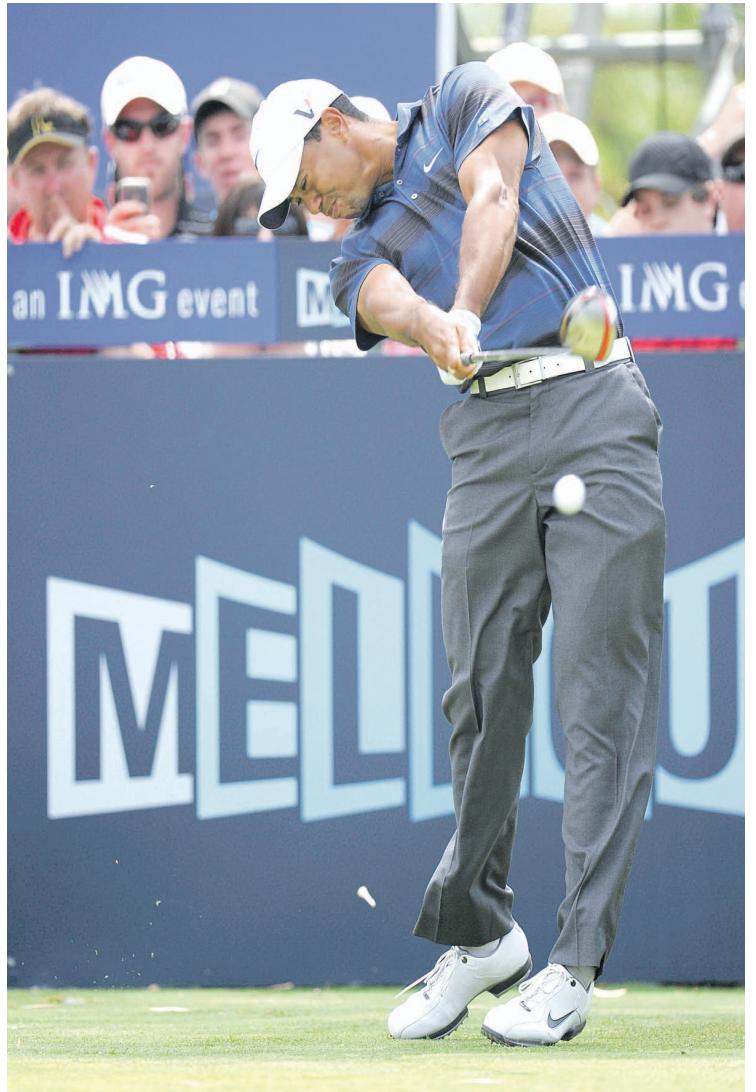
Rogers is expected to be interviewed by the NCAA, according to his attorney Doug Zeit. Rogers told a Dallas radio show he met with Cecil Newton and two MSU assistant coaches in a Starkville, Miss., motel on Nov. 27, 2009. Rogers said during that meeting, Cecil Newton asked for between \$100,000 and \$180,000 in exchange for his son to sign with Mississippi State.

Bond's revelation to MSU officials, who gave their findings to the Southeastern Conference, set off a chain of events that have shaken college football and could impact who wins the Heisman Trophy and the national championship.

The allegations have cast a dark shadow over an otherwise dream season Newton and No. 2 Auburn (11-0), which has clinched a spot in the Southeastern Conference championship game. The Tigers have a week off before facing No. 10 Alabama on Nov. 26 in Tuscaloosa, Ala. □

Wainless Woods

Tiger is changing more than his swing as year ends



Tiger Woods from the United States tees off during his second round of the Australian Masters at Victoria Golf Club in Melbourne, Australia, Friday, Nov. 12, 2010.

Associated Press

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — After his best finish of the year that looked close only on paper, Tiger Woods went from shaking his head to chuckling before he even heard the rest of the question. After spending a full year out of contention, will he have to teach himself how to win again?

"No," Woods quickly replied, still laughing. "No, no, no."

There is no reason for him to be alarmed, although some of the numbers are startling. He went an entire season without winning for the first time in his 15 years as a pro. He was at least 10 shots behind the winner in six of the 12 tournaments he finished. Only once this year did he go into the weekend within three shots of the lead.

And the last time he really felt the heat on the back nine Sunday? Maybe the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, and that was lukewarm.

"Saturday at the U.S. Open was probably it," Woods said. He is in the process of changing his swing for the

fourth time under a third teacher, and Woods realizes it will take time. In some of his most candid remarks about going to Sean Foley for help, Woods said he was waffling about a change the week of the PGA Championship.

"Every night, I was trying to figure out, 'Should I actually do this or not?' Because I know what the undertaking is," he said. "I know how much effort it takes, how many swings you have to make in the mirror, how many things you have to think about. Do I really want to do that again?"

By all accounts, Woods is picking up on Foley's concepts much quicker than he did with Butch Harmon and Hank Haney. If history is any indication, he will return to win tournaments in the bunches, majors included.

But even in the midst of two big changes since turning pro, he still managed to give himself chances. He was still able to measure his progress on the back nine Sunday. In 1998, when he won only two tournaments, he also had five top 3s, including two playoff losses. In 2004, when his only wins were the Match Play Championship and his last event of the year in Japan, he had six top 3s and twice finished one shot out of the lead.

This time, however, it's more than a swing change.

His whole life has changed. Woods has always said he doesn't enter a tournament unless he thinks he can win, a goal that has never changed. He also conceded in an interview last week that there were times this year when winning wasn't always at the forefront of his mind. His marriage was crumbling.

His image had been shattered. His mystique was being questioned.

Along with studying a pin sheet, he was poring over divorce documents. He wasn't just trying to map out a strategy on how to play a golf course, he was trying to figure out how to stay involved with his two children.

"This summer," he said, "was very difficult."

There have been flashes of great play, just not for long. He was tied for the first-round lead at The Barclays, then began his third round by hitting a 5-wood off the property. He played six flawless holes at Deutsche Bank Championship, but all that did was ensure he made the cut. At the Ryder Cup, he played his final seven holes in 7-under par. And at the Australian Masters, he played his last six holes in 6 under to finish fourth, only three shots behind Stuart Appleby.

Finishing high on the leaderboard only reminds him of how many shots he threw away during the week, mainly with his putting.

"I can do this in streaks," Woods said. "Unfortunately, I haven't done this for an entire round. One of things when you're making changes in the game is that it takes time. I'm pleased with some of the progress I've made. The streaks are now lasting longer. I still need to do it for an entire round. And obviously, I didn't do it for 72 holes."

He has one more tournament to give it a try, in an 18-man field at the Chevron World Challenge the first week of the December that features 13 of the top 20 in the world.

When he starts his 2011 season at Torrey Pines, perhaps then Woods will have settled into his life adjustments, too.

That's the wild card.

That's what is different about this swing change.

"I would never doubt anything that Tiger Woods could do because he's the best player I've ever seen play," Stewart Cink said at Disney. "So it's dangerous territory when you start saying, 'No, I don't think he'll ever be the same.' So I just can't say that."

Cink, like so many others, pointed to that singles match at Celtic Manor as an indication Woods is getting closer, that he can be the same dominant force he has been his entire career. "But he's been through so much — mentally, off the course — that it does tend to sort of weigh into your performance," Cink said. "And the mental edge is such a big part of his dominance."

Nadal to face Djokovic at ATP World Tour Finals



Novak Djokovic of Serbia serves the ball to Juan Monaco of Argentina during their match of the Paris Tennis Masters tournament, Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010.

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Top-ranked Rafael Nadal has been placed in the same group as Novak Djokovic in the draw for the season-ending ATP World Tour Finals in London. No. 2 Roger Federer faces Paris Masters champion Robin Soderling in his group, along with home favorite Andy Murray and David Ferrer of Spain. Nadal and Djokovic are

joined by Tomas Berdych and American Andy Roddick in Group A. The top two players from each round-robin group will contest the semifinals at London's O2 Arena. The tournament begins on Sunday, with the final on Nov. 28.

Nadal, winner of three Grand Slam titles this year, has never won the year-end tournament. He begins his campaign against Roddick on Monday. Federer is bidding to win the ATP Finals for a record-tying fifth time, matching Pete Sampras and Ivan Lendl.

The 16-time Grand Slam champion plays Ferrer in Sunday's evening match, after Murray faces Soderling. Djokovic, beaten by Nadal in the U.S. Open final, meets Wimbledon finalist Berdych in Monday's earlier match. □

Apple says iTunes will sell music from Beatles

By JESSICA MINTZ,
AP Technology Writer

SEATTLE — "Beatles for Sale" is finally for sale on iTunes — along with the rest of the Fab Four's albums, from "Please Please Me" to "Revolver" to "Abbey Road."

The Beatles had been the most prominent holdout from iTunes and other online music services. On Tuesday, Apple Inc. said its iTunes store will start selling downloads of songs and albums from the group, in an agreement with the Beatles' recording label, EMI Group Ltd., and its management company, Apple Corps Ltd. Apple will sell 13 remastered Beatles studio albums, the two-volume "Past Masters" set and the classic "Red" and "Blue" collections. People can buy individual songs for \$1.29 apiece or download entire albums, at \$12.99 for a single album and \$19.99 for a double.

For \$149, Apple is also selling a special digital box set that includes a download of the 41-minute movie of the Beatles' first U.S. concert, "Live at the Washington Coliseum, 1964."

Until Tuesday, Apple Corps had resisted selling Beatles music as online downloads. The situation was exacerbated by a long-running trademark dispute between Apple Inc.

and Apple Corps. It was resolved in 2007 when the companies agreed on joint use of the apple logo and name, and many people saw that as paving the way for an agreement for online access to Beatles songs.

With the Beatles now in Apple's music store, the number of holdouts has dwindled. Garth Brooks, Kid Rock and AC/DC are among the remaining artists who refuse to sell their work through Apple. Some want more control over pricing or the ability to force shoppers to download entire albums instead of individual songs. Until now, to listen to Beatles songs on iPods, you'd have to obtain a CD and "rip" an online version of it — or find someone who already has, legalities aside.

Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO, couldn't resist celebrating the Beatles' arrival on iTunes with an obvious quip.

"It has been a long and winding road to get here," he said in a statement, referencing the song "The Long and Winding Road" from the Beatles' 1970 "Let it Be" album.

"Thanks to the Beatles and EMI, we are now realizing a dream we've had since we launched iTunes ten years ago," Jobs said.

In a press release, former band

members and their relatives all gave the deal their blessings, including Sir Paul McCartney; Beatles drummer Ringo Starr; Yoko Ono Lennon, John Lennon's widow; and Olivia Harrison, widow of George Harrison.

"I am particularly glad to no longer be asked when the Beatles are coming to iTunes," Starr said.

The deal gives Apple a sweet public relations boost at the start of the holiday shopping season, but sales of Beatles music won't make much of a financial impact on the company.

Brian Marshall, an analyst for Gleacher & Co., said he believes Beatles fans with iPods and other digital music players have already converted their physical CDs into digital tracks. Even if people do rush to their computers for a "Yellow Submarine" fix, Apple's other businesses are the real moneymakers. In the most recent quarter, Apple's revenue was \$20.3 billion, and iTunes sales made up just 5 percent, Marshall said.

For the music industry, the arrival of the Beatles for download might mean even less.

"The digital music market (and the young music fans record labels desperately need to get engaged) need new music



FILE - In this undated file photograph British pop band The Beatles, John Lennon (left) Ringo Starr, Paul McCartney and George Harrison (right) pose for a photograph. Apple Inc. said Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, its iTunes service will sell music from the Fab Four. The Beatles have so far been the most prominent holdout from iTunes and other online music services.

(AP Photo/file)

products, not yesteryear's hits repackaged," said Mark Mulligan, a Forrester analyst, in a statement. Apple swapped out its home page design for a black and white image of the Beatles in silhouette. Apple, which is based in Cupertino, Calif., will also be

running a series of minimalist television commercials that combine footage and photos of the band with classic songs such as "All You Need is Love" and "Let it Be."

Apple shares slipped \$5.62, or 1.8 percent, to \$301.41 in midday trading Tuesday. □

Google working on phone with built-in payment tool

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE,
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc. is taking another stab at designing a game-changing mobile phone, this time by including a built-in payment system that could eventually enable the devices to replace credit cards. The new phone got a brief preview Monday when Google CEO Eric Schmidt took the stage to kick off the Web 2.0 summit, a technology conference held annually in San Francisco.

Schmidt confirmed that Google has been working on a sophisticated new computer chip and an upgrade of its Android mobile operating system that will include a payment processing tool.

He showed off the new phone with the device's name and manufacturer concealed.

Several technology websites have speculated the new phone

will be called "Nexus S" and will be manufactured by Samsung Electronics Co.

Google unveiled a phone called the Nexus One with much fanfare at the beginning of this year, but stopped selling it several months ago after other similar devices powered by Android hit the market. Samsung already makes several phones that run on Android software and just introduced a new computer tablet called Galaxy that's powered by Google's 3-year-old mobile operating system.

Schmidt declined to address the reports about the Nexus S. He indicated the new phone, equipped with the upgraded version of Android software called "Gingerbread," will hit the market within the next few weeks.

The new phone will feature a Near Field Communication, or NFC, chip that will enable phones to

transmit the payment information of the device's owner to vendors using compatible technology. The transactions will be completed by tapping a physical point, such as a payment terminal or other objects encoded with the information needed to complete the purchase.

Schmidt said the chip will be more secure than the magnetic stripes that carry personal information on credit cards, an advantage that has been greeted enthusiastically by payment processors.

Google intends to forge partnerships with payment processors rather than try to expand into that line of commerce, Schmidt said.

Although he expects mobile phones to supplant credit cards, Schmidt said the transition is still a long ways off.

"I still expect to be using credit cards for many, many years," he told reporters after his presentation. □



Google CEO Eric Schmidt speaks at the Web 2.0 Summit in San Francisco, Monday, Nov. 15, 2010.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

Classic and cool, the Kate Middleton style emerges



Britain's Prince William and his fiancee Kate Middleton arrive for a media photocall, media at St. James's Palace in London, Tuesday Nov. 16, 2010, after they announced their engagement. The couple are to wed in 2011.

(AP Photo/Sang Tan)

By GREGORY KATZ,
Associated Press

LONDON — Kate Middleton's style is natural, unforced and unpretentious. She never seems to be trying too hard or worried about currying favor with the glittery world of fashion.

That's going to help — a lot — when the naturally beautiful young woman blessed with poise, dimples, long legs and perfect posture marries Prince William next year.

Middleton is already one of the most photographed women in Britain — and with Tuesday's engagement announcement, she immediately leaps to the top of the fashion world. That position was once occupied by Princess Diana, William's mother, who was killed in a 1997 car crash in Paris.

Like Diana, whose graceful style was widely imitated until her shockingly early death, Middleton's choices will be scrutinized by fashion editors worldwide and copied by retailers in the world's fashion capitals.

Middleton, 28, already has a distinctive look, one that

emphasizes her long brown hair, pale skin and charismatic smile. She favors white and black over splashes of color and has shied away from London's radical street fashion in favor of mainstream looks. "She has a feminine streak, and she dresses very much for herself, she's not a slaving fashionista," said Hilary Alexander, fashion director of The Telegraph newspaper. "She's never obvious. But there will be massive pressure on her now. I don't think we've had a royal wedding on this scale for nearly 30 years."

Middleton wears many classic outfits, and favors full length, solid-colored coats. Her look has not changed dramatically season to season or from year to year. There are already fashion blogs devoted to Middleton and her fashion choices. She has not formed any strong allegiances to specific designers yet, though she does favor the work of Daniella Issa Helayel, among others. Middleton could have been conjured up by central casting: She looks right in almost any

setting, from a formal evening gown (plunging neckline, fuchsia) to jeans and a sweater. She has been photographed on a boat, at polo matches, graduations and shooting weekends — with only the occasional misstep.

She's only had two unfortunate outfits so far: The sheer dress she wore over black lingerie at a charity fashion show in 2002 — before the royal romance began — and a yellow, turquoise and pink rollerblading outfit at a charity event.

Middleton took a bad spill in the disco outfit and was photographed in a rather undignified position. Still, she was able to laugh it off, winning the day with her smile and sense of fun.

Despite the fact that her parents are self-made millionaires, she does not dress like a wealthy woman, often shopping at mid-level stores on British main streets. When she was photographed wearing a low-priced dress from Topshop

on her 25th birthday, the item became an overnight national sensation, selling out in 24 hours.

In recent months, she has shifted more toward custom-made clothes, and she will undoubtedly adopt a more showy style once she formally joins the royal family. The biggest fashion decision Middleton faces right now is what wedding dress she will choose.

Deborah Joseph, editor of Brides Magazine, said Middleton will face substantial pressure to choose an English designer, while Alexander said she expects the princess-to-be to come up with a surprising choice for a wedding dress.

"It's a British royal wedding, there's no need to look abroad," said Joseph. "Obviously there will be lots of speculation on the designer now, it depends which route Kate takes. She may give a nod to Princess Diana, and use one of her designers, like Bruce Oldfield or Amanda Wakeley, or she

may make a statement of her own."

Joseph said Middleton's decision could define bridal wear for the next decade, much as Diana's choice in 1981 became the most-copied wedding dress in history.

One easy bet, however: Middleton is likely to use much softer fabric, like tulle or organza, than the stiff taffeta Diana used.

Joseph said Middleton faces another wedding style decision — what to do with her distinctive long brown hair. Should it be completely swept-up — or not?

"I've never seen her with her hair completely up, and it's more common now for brides to wear their hair down," Joseph said. "Most brides don't want to look like a completely different person, you want to look like a better version of yourself."

Of course, the person expected to fill Diana's fashion shoes won't be in the "most brides" category. □

Randy Quaid, wife, miss another court hearing



FILE - In this Oct. 27, 2010 file photo, actor Randy Quaid, left, and his wife Evi are shown outside their lawyer's office in Vancouver.

(AP Photo)

By ANTHONY McCARTNEY,
AP Entertainment Writer

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Randy Quaid and his wife remain fugitives from a California court after the couple failed to appear Tuesday for their arraignment on felony vandalism charges for the fourth time.

Santa Barbara Superior Court Judge Donna Geck refused to schedule a new court date for the couple, instead leaving their arrest warrants active. Randy and Evi Quaid have already forfeited more than \$1 million in bail for their slew of missed appearances.

Randy Quaid's attorney, Robert Sanger, told the judge that Canadian authorities had confiscated the actor's passport. The Quaids

are seeking asylum there, claiming they fear a group they've dubbed the "Hollywood star-whackers."

"Mr. Quaid has had multiple occasions to appear on this matter prior to his passport being taken," Geck said.

The Quaids are accused of causing more than \$5,000 in damage to the guesthouse of a home they once owned and were allegedly squatting in when they were arrested in September. The current owners are seeking a lengthy restraining order against the Quaids, but a hearing scheduled for Tuesday was continued until Dec. 28 because the couple had not been served.

Sanger said he hoped the Quaids would eventually return to resolve the case without being re-arrested.

"This is something that has become much larger than life," Sanger said. "I think Randy Quaid has been a very significant actor in the course of his career. I would like to see him get back and get this taken care of."

Randy Quaid is due back in a Canadian immigration court Nov. 23.

Evi Quaid remains on probation for a previous case in which she and her husband were accused of defrauding an innkeeper of more than \$10,000. She pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor earlier this year, the inn was repaid, and a charge against Randy Quaid was dropped. A hearing to determine whether Evi Quaid violated her probation due to the current case is expected to be held once after she returns to Santa Barbara. □

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Stocks retreat on Asian inflation, Euro debt fears

By STEPHEN BERNARD,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average fell below 11,000 for the first time in nearly a month Tuesday as worries mounted about inflation in Asia and as European leaders met to discuss a bailout of Ireland. The Dow dropped 170 points in afternoon trading, with Alcoa Inc. leading the way. Only two of the 30 stocks that make up the Dow rose. Home Depot Inc. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. both posted gains after reporting better results. Asian markets started a global sell-off in stocks after South Korea's central bank raised interest rates to curb inflation.

GM IPO

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That's a huge improvement, but still short of the \$65.6 billion market value needed for the government to get back all the taxpayer dollars it used to get GM through a painful bankruptcy restructuring. The government, which became GM's biggest shareholder when it gave the automaker \$50 billion to get through bankruptcy, hopes to get the money back through the IPO and several follow-up sales that could take a two or more years. The share price increase and the rising market value are good news, though, because they reduce the amount of money the government has to earn back in the follow-up sales after the IPO, said Joe Phillipi, president of AutoTrends Consulting in Short Hills, N.J. "If GM performs as expected, the stock will steadily improve in valuation," rising to \$45 or more in the next year, he said. Bankers handling the GM stock sale, which is planned for Thursday, are likely to exercise an option to sell 15 percent more shares from the government and two

Shares also fell in Shanghai and Hong Kong as speculation spread that China will take more steps to rein in its red-hot economy, which would dampen global demand for industrial goods.

Basic materials companies, which have benefited from the booming demand from China, were among the biggest losers in U.S. trading. Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. fell 4.5 percent, Alcoa was off 2.9 percent, and Monsanto Co. was off 2.2 percent.

The Dow fell 170.78, or 1.5 percent, to 11,031.19 in afternoon trading, having dipped below 11,000 earlier in the day for the first time since Oct. 20.

of GM's other owners, the combined Canadian and Ontario governments and a union health care trust fund. That could bring in even more money.

At the high end of the new price range, \$33 per share, the government could reap as much as \$10 billion in the IPO. That's \$2.3 billion, or about 31 percent more than it would have made two weeks ago.

If the IPO generates \$10 billion for the government, GM would still be on the hook for \$30 billion in taxpayer dollars. The U.S. would hold roughly 609 million shares after the IPO. If it sold all those shares at \$33, it would make \$20 billion, falling \$10 billion shy of getting all the money back.

But analysts say GM's share price is likely to rise above \$33 once it begins trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the company's old symbol, GM. The shares should rise, they say, as auto sales continue to slowly improve during the next few years. If the shares get to \$50, the government will get back all \$30 billion left from its

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 18.48, or 1.5 percent, to 1,179.27, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 37.73, or 1.5 percent, to 2,476.09.

Commodities prices also fell broadly on worries that China's demand for them could wane. Copper fell 5 percent, palladium 5.3 percent and soybeans 5.1 percent. Crude oil fell 2.4 percent, slipping \$2.06 to \$83.23 a barrel. Weaker energy prices knocked down shares of oil companies. Chevron Corp. and ExxonMobil Corp. were both down slightly more than 2 percent.

While Asian countries are dealing with excessive economic growth and

inflation, European finance ministers were trying to figure out if Ireland would be the latest European country to need a bailout.

Similar problems in Greece earlier this year hurt stocks worldwide as its government had to get bailed out by fellow European nations and the International Monetary Fund. Greece fell into a fiscal crisis following runaway spending and a lack of trust from investors following revelations that Greece published faulty budget figures. Ireland, meanwhile, is staggering under the costs of nationalizing three banks after that country's real estate boom imploded. "It's been



File - In this Nov. 3, 2010 file photo, Trader Steven Marcus, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew) simmering for a while," Scott Brown, chief economist at Raymond James & Associates, said of the European debt problems. "Now it's coming to a complete boil."

Brown said Ireland is more troublesome for Europe than Greece because more of Ireland's debt is held by major banks, especially in England. A default by Ireland could be another blow to banks that have only recently recovered from the global credit crisis. Shares of British banks HSBC and Barclays PLC both fell more than 3 percent.

There are also fears that if Ireland needs a bailout it will spook investors who hold debt from other European countries. □



FILE - This April 21, 2009 file photo shows General Motors Co. world headquarters in Detroit. A confident General Motors has added 20 million shares of preferred stock to its initial public offering, and it raised the estimated price range for common shares by about 14 percent to \$32 to \$33.

(AP Photo/Paul Sancya, file)

original \$50 billion bailout. The Detroit automaker, just 16 months out of bankruptcy protection, also said Tuesday it will now sell 80 million shares of preferred stock for \$50 each, up 20 million shares from two weeks ago. It will use that money to make payments on its pension and retire debt. The increase in preferred shares lifts the amount GM will raise in the sale from \$3 billion to \$4 billion, according to a company statement. The preferred shares will be converted to common stock in 2013. □

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Flu Season Support

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We are once again entering the winter flu season. Official's told you to get your flu shots already. Whether you got your shots or not, you may still succumb to some type of flu. If you feel under the weather, recommendations include avoiding contact with others if you feel you might be sick. Doctor's offices and hospitals are overwhelmed with people having runny noses, coughs, aches and other symptoms of the flu or Influenza. People with minor symptoms and low risk are being told to stay home, drink fluids and rest. Some people with higher risk are sent for lab tests to determine what is wrong.

Instead of recommending that you stay home and wait until you feel healthy again to go out, our clinic encourages sick patients to call for an appointment. We have seen patients experiencing fever, chills, headache, upper respiratory tract symptoms, cough, sore throat, runny nose, and shortness of breath. We also see people also complaining of muscular or joint pain, fatigue, vomiting, or diarrhea. If necessary, a blood test can check if you have a virus or bacteria and what medicines may or may not help. In many cases, I tell our patients to stop worrying have their colon washed, a colonic. Hydro-colonic Therapy is an irrigation of the colon with water.

Last year, the flu season included a "pandemic" of H1N1 Influenza. Clinically when a new virus is detected

I look up how virulent or powerful the new bug is in its ability to knock you down. The H1N1 turned out to be not as bad as the media presented it. One fact that came out was that in some people after they had gotten better from the flu a second bacterial infection invaded an already weakened body and caused a more serious pneumonia.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO) and Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) are responsible for compiling information about clinical complications of influenza and other diseases.

Groups who are at higher risk for seasonal influenza complications according to the CDC include:

- Children less than 5 years old;
- Persons aged 65 years or older;
- Children and adolescents (less than 18 years) who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy and who might be at risk for experiencing Reye syndrome after influenza virus infection;
- Pregnant women;
- Adults and children who have chronic pulmonary, cardiovascular, hepatic, hematological, neurologic, neuromuscular, or metabolic disorders;
- Adults and children who have immunosuppression, caused by medications or by HIV;
- Residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities.

What do all these people have

in common? They all have immature, suppressed immune systems. Immune systems that are further weakened by an infection allows opportunistic bacteria to develop into pneumonia that can cause serious problems.

There are great recommendations from health departments to help you cope with the season influenza which include:

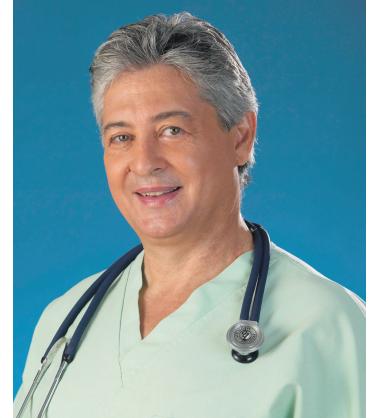
- pCover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other measures to keep our distance from each other to lessen the spread of flu.

The reason I recommend colon hydrotherapy to help

you with the flu is because the gastrointestinal tract is a prominent part of your immune system. The surface area of the digestive tract is estimated to be the surface area of a football field. That's big! The immune system must work hard to prevent bad pathogens from entering into blood and lymph. When your colon identifies bad guys it produces histamines that then produce mucus that contains antibodies that neutralizes many of these microorganisms. This is what produces your stuffy nose and chest congestion.

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Get The Point! Not all patients with the flu need to be seen by a health care provider. Patients with severe



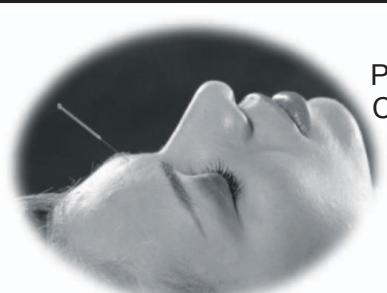
illness and those at high risk for complications from influenza like the list above should contact their medical provider or seek medical care; especially if they were sick, got better, then get sick again with a chest cold. If you want help improving your immune system, your first line of defense to protect your health, or help to get better quicker, call to make an appointment.

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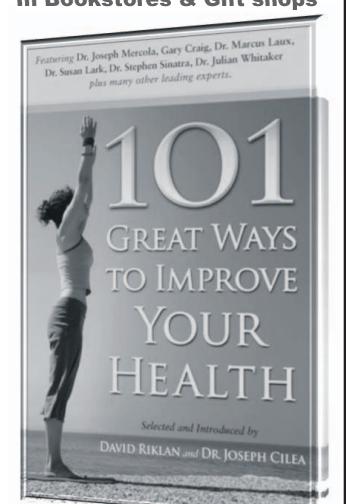


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France: Diabetes drug may be linked to 500 deaths



French drug safety body Afssaps has urged patients who used Mediator -- a drug for overweight people with diabetes that was also used as an appetite suppressant -- to see their doctors if they had taken it for more than three months.

By ELAINE GANLEY,
Associated Press

PARIS — French health officials said Tuesday the now-banned diabetes and weight loss drug Mediator may have been linked to the deaths of about 500 people in the 33 years it was on the market.

France's health products safety agency has advised those who used the drug from 2006 to 2009 to see their doctor to check for possible heart valve problems. The agency said Tuesday that about 5 million people used Mediator — the brand name for benflorex in France —

from 1976 until it was pulled off the market in 2009.

The European Medicines Agency said last year that it decided to remove benflorex from the market because it had little effect on diabetes and might lead to a dangerous thickening of heart valves.

In September, European regulators pulled blockbuster diabetes drug Avandia off the market because of alleged links to heart attacks.

Benflorex, used especially to treat weight problems among diabetics, underwent various tests over time, but it was only in 2006 that

a confirmed case of heart valve problems related to its use was reported, the health safety agency said.

A complementary study was carried out last summer to determine what impact benflorex had on patients who took the drug in 2006.

It followed their hospitalizations and deaths linked to heart valve problems until June of 2010. "On the basis of results, the analysis by epidemiologists believe that around 500 deaths may be attributable to benflorex among all users of the medication since it went on the market," the health

products safety agency said. The drugmaker, Servier, which has carried out its own tests, said the results were an "extrapolation."

"The Servier Research Group underscores that these figures are hypotheses founded on extrapolations," the drugmaker said in a statement.

Heart valve problems naturally affect some 2.5 percent of the population, a figure that increases with age and the presence of diabetes, Servier said. It argued that the test does not allow one to blame all valve problems on the medication.

Servier, however, counseled patients to discuss the issue with their doctors as "a precaution." □

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Scientists find new squid in Indian Ocean depths



International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) logo. Scientists have uncovered a new large species of squid among 70 types gathered during an exploration of the depths of the Indian Ocean, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature said on Monday.

Baby photos from the ultimate edge — a black hole

By SETH BORENSTEIN,
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON —

Astronomers may have lucked into the ultimate in cosmic baby pictures: a voracious black hole fresh from its violent birth.

After watching a nearby star that exploded into a supernova in 1979, astronomers now believe the star's death wasn't an ordinary one. The star's explosion was big enough to cause a black hole to develop in its wake. They think it's a black hole because they see something steadily consuming the gassy remnants of the exploded star, which is a telltale sign of a black hole. It sucks up everything in sight.

And in this case it's a lot. In the past 30 years since this star exploded, this baby black hole has eaten about the equivalent of the Earth in mass, which

is about as big as black hole appetites can get, said Harvard astrophysicist Avi Loeb. He's co-author of a new paper in the journal New Astronomy and he discussed the findings at a NASA news conference Monday.

On a cosmic scale the mass of the Earth is not an awful lot to eat, but from Earth's point of view, it's kind of awesome, said NASA astrophysicist Kimberly Weaver. "It's like the planet eater in 'Star Trek,'" she said.

Black holes are warped regions in space where it is so dense that nothing — not even light — escapes. Scientists in this case see energy bursts from matter as it is sucked in. That matter is heavy gas from the exploded star, and possibly a partner star that may have been next to it, Weaver said.

GENEVA — Scientists have uncovered a new large species of squid among 70 types gathered during an exploration of the depths of the Indian Ocean, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature said on Monday.

The 70 centimetre (27 inches) long new species is part of the "chiroteuthid" family with light emitting organs that attract prey in the darkness thousands of metres (feet) down close to the craggy seabed, the IUCN said.

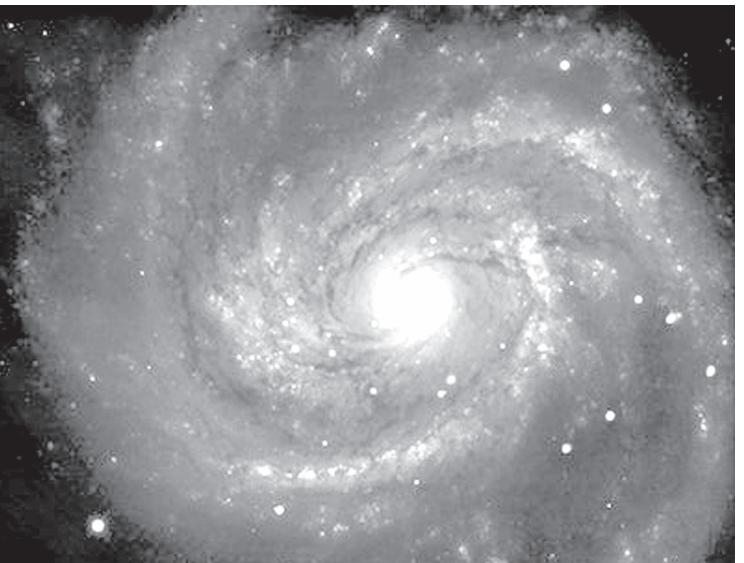
The six-week "Seamounts cruise" last year trawled about 7,000 samples of lifeforms in the southern Indian Ocean from depths of up to 1,200 metres (3,936 feet).

"For 10 days now, 21 scientists armed with microscopes have been working through intimidating rows of jars containing fishes, squids, zooplankton and other interesting creatures," said Alex Rogers, professor of biology at the University of Oxford.

The cruise was aimed at exploring seamounts in an attempt to help improve conservation and management of marine resources in the area.

"We're hoping to have the ecological results in 12 to 18 months," Rogers told AFP.

Rarely sighted Colossal and Giant Squid are thought to range above 10 metres (32.8 feet) in length. □



This composite image provided by NASA, created this month, taken by NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory and other telescopes, shows a galaxy where a recent supernova probably resulted in a black hole in the bright white dot near the bottom middle of the picture.

(AP Photo/NASA)

over from the star's explosion, said Dan Patnaude of Harvard, a study co-author. This black hole is about five times more massive than our sun and the

star that exploded to give it birth was maybe 20 times bigger than our sun.

"This is certainly eating as much as it can," Patnaude said.

"This is working as hard as it can to gobble up that material, exactly like a teenager or a toddler."

The images were captured by the Chandra X-Ray space telescope. There is one other possible explanation for what scientists have seen: They could be watching the birth instead of a pulsar wind nebula, like the famous and beautiful crab nebula. But Patnaude said a black hole is more likely.

Either way, this is a great chance to observe a cosmic event from the start, said Alex Filippenko of the University of California at Berkeley who didn't take part in the research. He agrees that the discovery is most likely a black hole. □

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OSLO (Reuters) - Casi 200 naciones se reunirán este mes en México para intentar acordar un "Fondo Verde" para los países pobres, además de otros pasos hacia un esquivo acuerdo climático y en medio de advertencias de que la inacción eleva los costos del combate contra el calentamiento global.

Tras el fracaso en lograr un acuerdo en la cumbre del año pasado en Copenhague, las ambiciones para el 2010 han sido reducidas a un modesto paquete que incluye un fondo para administrar ayuda para países pobres, nuevas formas de compartir tecnologías limpias y proteger las selvas tropicales.

"Los países se han dado cuenta desde Copenhague

que no hay una gran solución", dijo Christiana Figueres, responsable de la secretaría de la Convención Marco de las Naciones Unidas sobre el Cambio Climático, en referencia de las conversaciones en el centro de vacaciones mexicano de Cancún, en el Caribe, que se harán entre el 29 de noviembre y el 10 de diciembre. "Necesitamos llevar el proceso un paso más adelante", indicó. "Todo me dice que hay un acuerdo por tomar", agregó respecto a las negociaciones para disminuir un preocupante aumento de las temperaturas globales que el panel de científicos climáticos de la ONU dice que traerá incluso más inundaciones, sequías, olas de calor y crecidas de los mares.

No obstante, incluso un acuerdo limitado en Cancún -donde sólo se reunirán ministros de Medio Ambiente en vez de los líderes mundiales que fueron a Copenhague- es una aspiración elevada tras un año de disputas entre China y Estados Unidos, los mayores emisores de gases de efecto invernadero.

Ambos dicen que el otro es el que debería tomar más medidas, quitando la atención sobre la falta de acción de otros países en momentos en que los presupuestos de las naciones desarrolladas son estrechos y las encuestas de opinión muestran que gran cantidad de personas están mucho más preocupadas por el alto desempleo.

"China y Estados Unidos estancados en punto muerto



Imagen de archivo de la secretaria ejecutiva de la Convención Marco de las Naciones Unidas sobre el Cambio Climático, Christiana Figueres, en una conferencia en Tianjin. Oct 4 2010 REUTERS/Jason Lee/ARCHIVO

estancamiento es una forma de fracaso muy cómoda para todos los involucrados", dijo Shane Tomlinson, director de desarrollo del grupo analista climático E3G en Londres.

Destacando la necesidad de urgencia, la Agencia Internacional de Energía

(IEA por su sigla en inglés) indicó en un reporte la semana pasada que los costos de un ataque firme contra el calentamiento global para el 2030 habían subido en 1 billón de dólares hasta 18 billones por los retrasos del 2010. □

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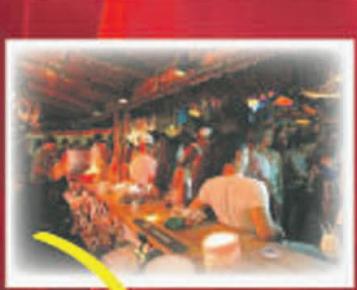
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